

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### APPROVAL OF JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as the Ranking Member on the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, I am acutely aware of the harmful influence the Islamic Republic of Iran and its proxies have on the security situation in the Greater Middle East. Simply put, Iran pursues policies that threaten U.S. strategic interests and goals throughout the Middle East, often by enflaming sectarian tensions that are exploited by violent extremist elements in the region.

However, despite my clear and deep mistrust of Iran, I firmly support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). This hard-fought multilateral agreement will severely limit Iran's nuclear ambitions, establish a verifiable and robust inspection regime, allow for the timely reinstatement of sanctions for violations of this agreement, and in no way limit U.S. military options. If fully implemented and rigorously enforced, the JCPOA will result in the removal of a source of risk and uncertainty within the region for the foreseeable future. I believe this will substantially increase the security for our nation and all of our regional allies.

Under the JCPOA, Iran's access to nuclear material will be significantly curtailed from what we know exists today. Specifically, Iran will not produce or acquire either highly enriched uranium or weapons-grade plutonium for at least 15 years, and they will reduce their stockpile of low enriched uranium by 98 percent, from 12,000 kilograms to 300 kilograms. Additionally, two-thirds of Iran's centrifuges will be removed from nuclear facilities, to be secured and constantly monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Also important to note is the commitment Iran has made under the agreement to not pursue certain research and development programs directly linked to the development of a nuclear weapon. All told, these restrictions significantly increase the amount of time Iran would need to produce enough fissile material for a weapon and to build a nuclear device.

The agreement provides for the establishment of a verifiable and robust inspection system, including constant monitoring of Iran's known nuclear facilities throughout the entire chain of development, from the uranium mines to its centrifuges. Access to the supply chain makes it improbable that Iran could establish a covert nuclear program without detection. Further, the JCPOA ensures continuous monitoring of Iran's declared nuclear facilities and IAEA inspectors can request access to any location they suspect is involved with nuclear activities, including military sites. In anticipation of difficulties with access, the JCPOA contains a dispute resolution mechanism should

Iran deny the IAEA access to any site. While the time allowed for the dispute resolution process has been criticized as too lengthy, I am certain any suspicious site will receive the full attention of U.S. observation assets during that period. Additionally, nuclear inspection experts express the utmost confidence that IAEA environmental sampling would detect the presence of any nuclear material.

In order to receive new sanctions relief, Iran must satisfy IAEA demands about the possible military dimensions of its nuclear program, dismantle the vast majority of its uranium capability, and remove the core from the Arak reactor. To receive full relief from the remaining sanctions, Iran must continue meeting commitments for the years agreed to in the JCPOA. If the terms of the agreement are not met at any time, the JCPOA provides for the ability to re-impose both unilateral and multilateral nuclear-related sanctions. And notably, the agreement allows the U.S. and its European allies to re-impose United Nations sanctions over the objections of any member of the Security Council, including China or Russia.

Further, the JCPOA only applies to nuclear-related sanctions. The United States will maintain several strong sanctions authorities due to Iran's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism and for its abysmal record on human rights. For example, U.S. sanctions will continue to apply to several top-level officials in Iran's security apparatus, to the transfer of weapons of mass destruction technologies, missile technologies, and conventional weapons.

Finally, the agreement in no way constrains the U.S. military options at our disposal, as has been repeatedly pointed out by General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in testimony before Congress.

I cannot argue that the JCPOA is perfect, and I share the frustration expressed by its opponents with its limited scope. In particular, I would have preferred if the agreement kept the constraints on Iran's nuclear program for longer periods of time, further reduced the number of operational centrifuges, did not allow for the future elimination of sanctions on conventional arms and ballistic missiles, contained restrictions on Iran's use of the sanctions relief, and addressed the detention of American citizens in Iran. However, in any negotiation, especially one with many sovereign nations, each having their own economic and security considerations, some compromise is necessary. Critically, I believe the agreement reached accomplishes the goal of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

I fundamentally disagree with those supporters of the deal who have stated that "war" will be the immediate result if the agreement is rejected, and find that opponents of the deal have only presented alternatives that are best described as delusional. Rather, I concur with the sentiments of my esteemed friend, and former Senator, Richard Lugar, who recently wrote that Congressional rejection of the Iran deal would, "kill the last chance for Washington to reach a verifiable Iranian commit-

ment not to build a nuclear weapon," and, "destroy the effective coalition that brought Iran to the negotiating table." We cannot reasonably expect foreign nations, even our closest allies, to continue making costly sacrifices at our demand if the U.S. unilaterally withdraws from its commitment to the JCPOA. And I can say with some confidence that China and Russia will have no hesitation to resume trade with Iran if the agreement were rejected. Iran negotiated because of crippling sanctions and a unified international community, neither of which will exist should Congress reject this agreement.

The ultimate success or failure of the JCPOA will be determined by time and verification based on Iranian behavior. However, it is vital for the duration of the agreement that the U.S. leads the international community to maintain focus on Iran's compliance and ensure that Iran does not undermine regional stability through other pathways, negating the security gains from this agreement. To accomplish this, we must remain steadfast in our commitments to all of our regional partners, including Israel, and help improve their capacity to counter Iran and mitigate the effects of their malign activity. Additionally, we must keep combining diplomacy, economic pressure, and the resolve to keep military options on the table.

Assuming the agreement is affirmed, I ask all to constructively work to improve the security situation in the Middle East rather than using all their energy to undermine the agreement. We cannot rely on force of arms alone to bring lasting stability to any region of our world. And I hope that the exhaustive multilateral negotiations that led to the JCPOA will serve as a template for future U.S. and international engagement on other outstanding issues that have led to instability and violence in the region.

### APPROVAL OF JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION

SPEECH OF

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) negotiated by the Administration and under consideration by Congress. I believe that this agreement is the best way forward to prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon and provides the United States and our allies with mechanisms to monitor and verify Iran's nuclear program. The agreement has the support of the international community and it gives us the best opportunity to avoid direct military conflict with Iran. Many men and women from Guam have paid the ultimate sacrifice in support of our country across the world, but most especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every lost or wounded servicemember is

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a constant reminder of the ultimate price we pay when diplomacy fails or, worse, isn't attempted. As Guam's representative to Congress, I have a responsibility to my constituents to use my best judgment and to do what is necessary to avoid putting their lives at risk when there are other options to solve serious geopolitical challenges.

As Congress debates the JCPOA, it is important to recognize that the effort to halt Iran's effort to obtain nuclear weapons was not a unilateral effort by the United States but rather a multilateral effort with other countries holding a vested interest in a nuclear-free Iran. To believe that these countries will agree to renegotiate the agreement ignores the political realities of the P5+1 countries. If Congress votes to reject this agreement, it would impede our ability to promote nuclear nonproliferation in the Middle East, and there are no guarantees that other nations, such as China and Russia, would continue to impose economic sanctions on Iran. This past weekend, regarding the other nations, former Secretary of State Colin Powell stated, "... they're all going to be moving forward. We're going to be standing in the sidelines." The United States does not belong on the sidelines. We must recognize the political realities of this deal regardless of whether it is perfect or not. It is folly to believe that a better deal is out there if we reject the JCPOA.

As the representative of the people of Guam, I understand the dangers when hostile nations are able to obtain nuclear weapons; my constituents live under threat that North Korea could develop nuclear weapons that directly threatens our island. While there are flaws in the agreement that was reached in 1994 with North Korea, I believe it is important that we give this deal a chance to be implemented. Though we always reserve the right to defend our nation, our allies, and our interests, our values dictate that the United States does not have to lead with the sword. Diplomacy is always preferable to a military solution. However, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter noted that military options remain viable should Iran violate the agreement. He wrote, "... nothing in the Iran deal constrains the U.S. Defense Department in any way or its ability to carry out such a mission."

I have reviewed the agreement and have been briefed by Secretary of State John Kerry and Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, who led the U.S. negotiating team. I find their explanations of the agreement's details and arguments in favor of its adoption to be compelling. While I cannot vote on the floor of the House of Representatives, it is my responsibility to make my position on an issue of such importance known to my constituents and to our nation. I support the JCPOA and urge my colleagues to reject efforts to play politics with our national security.

HONORING MR. EDWARD F.  
MCELROY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI  
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of a Chicagoland icon, Mr. Edward F. McElroy. It is my pleasure

to pay homage to a man who has entertained and informed residents of Chicagoland for almost 70 years.

Ed McElroy began his long and storied career in 1946 under the guidance of radio personality Bob Elson. His first opportunity to cover nationwide news and sports came with Eddie Hubbard on the Chesterfield Show for WIND, and in 1950, he joined WJJD, another local station in Chicago.

Over the last 70 years, Mr. McElroy has delivered news to Chicagoland on an incredible variety of platforms and his work continues today. He currently hosts the TV shows Community in Focus and the Ed McElroy Show where he interviews local newsmakers.

Outside of the enduring impact his work in broadcasting has had on the people of Chicago, Ed McElroy also deserves recognition for his outstanding service to his community. Mr. McElroy has always been willing to take time out of his busy schedule for those in need. He has entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children at LaRabida Children's Hospital and he visits schools to teach students about patriotism.

Veterans in particular have benefited from the generosity of Ed McElroy. A veteran himself, Mr. McElroy served our country during World War II in the Army Air Corps and became involved in veterans issues shortly after his service. Among his long list of accolades, he has served as National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, as well as State Commander for Illinois.

Finally, Ed McElroy has been consistently active with the Chicago Policy Department. His efforts to improve the welfare of Chicago Police Officers and their families have been recognized by police organizations across Chicagoland.

Mr. McElroy, father of three and grandfather of six, has had a hugely successful career and continues to have an impact on the day-to-day lives of Chicago area residents. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating the 90th birthday of Edward F. McElroy.

REMEMBERING ELEANOR BENSON

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT  
OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, last week, a woman from my community passed away. Her name was Eleanor Benson. We all have a handful of people who actually impact our lives, and this woman is partially responsible for why I'm behind this microphone. She changed my life. She had a passion and energy that could not be stopped, and she will be dearly missed by our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRISTOPHER  
PUTO

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE  
OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Christopher P. Puto, who will be

installed as the 37th President of Spring Hill College, the oldest Catholic college in the Southeast, on September 17. Spring Hill College is located in Mobile, Alabama, which is the largest city in Alabama's First Congressional District.

Dr. Puto will be returning to Spring Hill College, where he graduated in 1964 with a degree in economics. He then went on to earn a Master of Business Administration in marketing from the University of Miami followed by a Doctorate in Business Administration from Duke University, my own alma mater.

In 1998, as dean of the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, he introduced a new MBA program curriculum and initiated a curriculum redesign for the undergraduate business program. He also created a comprehensive strategic planning process for the school and raised \$80 million in the first three years of a \$150 million capital campaign.

From 2002 to 2014, Dr. Puto served as the dean and the Opus Distinguished Chair in the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas, a Catholic college in Minnesota. At St. Thomas, Dr. Puto designed and introduced the university's first full-time MBA program and first full-time accountancy program.

In addition to his contributions to academia, Dr. Puto has also achieved success through industry and consulting experience. In fact, he started his career as an allied sales manager at Burger King Corporation, where he played a part in developing the "Have It Your Way" advertising campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Puto back to Southwest Alabama. Spring Hill College has long been a critical part of the local community, and I look forward to working with Dr. Puto in his new role.

HONORING JONATHAN DYER

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER  
OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jonathan Dyer who has achieved the Eagle Scout award, a Boy Scout's highest honor. This recognition is well deserved and represents these young men's commitment to public service.

Achieving the status of Eagle Scout is a huge accomplishment, and I commend Mr. Dyer for being a positive role model to young people across our great state and the nation through his commitment to community service.

Once again, congratulations to this young man for his outstanding accomplishment. I am very proud of him and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY  
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2015 theme, Honoring Our Heritage. Building Our Future. The people of the United

States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters from September 15, 2015, through October 15, 2015.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile observe their independence days on September 16 and September 18. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, which later became National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only pay tribute to the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the numerous contributions they have made that have led to improvements within their communities, and in turn, a better America.

Our nation's success is reliant upon the rich heritage and cultural diversity of its people. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the many Hispanic leaders and members of our communities who have added to the prosperity of the United States in every facet of society including medicine, business, arts and entertainment, sports, education, politics, and the military.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout America's history, present, and future, the Hispanic community has played and continues to play a major role in enriching the quality of life and culture of our great nation, and for their outstanding contributions they are worthy of the highest praise.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Sequoia National Park, and the 75th anniversary of Kings Canyon National Park. Both of these parks are located in California's Fourth Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent.

Having been established in 1890, Sequoia National Park is the nation's second oldest national park. It was created through the advocacy of nearby San Joaquin Valley residents, who wished to protect the magnificent Giant Sequoias for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

In 1926, the park expanded to include Mount Whitney and the High Sierra backcountry. Today, it encompasses 39 Giant Sequoia groves, accounting for 40 percent of all native Sequoia groves in the world. In one of these groves, the Giant Forest, grows The General Sherman Tree. The General Sherman Tree is considered the largest living tree on earth and estimated to be approximately 2,000 years old.

Kings Canyon National Park was created in 1940 to include the glacially-formed Kings Canyon. It also serves to protect the head-

waters of the Kings River for public recreation and enjoyment. The park features over 60 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail, both of which pass through spectacular alpine scenery.

Together, the parks host over 1.5 million visitors annually, and contribute \$154 million to the local tourism economy. Visitors participate in a variety of outdoor recreation activities, including: hiking, camping, horseback riding, fishing, canoeing, and climbing.

Mr. Speaker, on this notable occasion, I rise to recognize the splendor of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which I hope will inspire all Americans to visit and recreate among its natural wonders.

HONORING SHERIFF BILL OLDHAM

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Sheriff Bill Oldham, on being selected as the 2015 Tennessee Sheriff's Association's "Sheriff of the Year." Sheriff Oldham received this prestigious award at the Tennessee Sheriff's Association conference in Sevierville on Friday, July 24, 2015. This award was much deserved and highlights Sheriff Oldham's lifelong dedication to the preservation of safety in the Shelby County community.

A native Memphian, Sheriff Oldham graduated from the Catholic High School for Boys and attended Memphis State University from 1967 to 1970. He advanced to the Memphis Police Academy, where, in 1972, he graduated as a member of the 33rd Session. Upon graduation, Sheriff Oldham began his career as a police officer.

Sheriff Oldham was elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police in 1993, Vice President in 1994, and President of the Association in 1995. He rose as a natural leader through the ranks of the Memphis Police Department, earning Officer of the Year twice, and retired in 2000 as a director. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief Deputy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and then was elected Sheriff of Shelby County in 2010. Sheriff Oldham has served the community on a national scale. In 1991, he was selected by the FBI as a member of the National Law Enforcement Budgeting Advisory Group, and in 1995 he graduated from the 21st Session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Sheriff Oldham worked tirelessly on many City, State, and National boards and commissions encompassing credit, education, and corrections. Sheriff Oldham received multiple appointments to correctional committees from Governor Bill Haslam. Sheriff Oldham is an active member of the MMACP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, the National Sheriff's Association, the Major County Sheriff's Association, and is a retired member of the Tennessee Chiefs of Police Association.

The Tennessee Sheriff's Association annually selects a "Sheriff of the Year" who has a dutiful career of dedication to law enforcement encompassed by commitment to public safety and selfless leadership.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Sheriff Oldham on receiving the Tennessee Sheriff's Association's 2015 "Sheriff of the Year." I wish him the best of luck for all future endeavors.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETE AGUILAR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor California State University, San Bernardino as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Established in 1965 as California State College at San Bernardino, the Inland Empire institution opened its doors to less than three hundred students. In 1984, it officially changed its name to California State University, San Bernardino.

From starting with nearly three hundred students in 1965, to educating and empowering more than 20,000 today, Cal State San Bernardino has become an integral part of the San Bernardino community. With bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in five colleges, it provides students from all walks of life with endless opportunities. Educating and training our students for our rapidly evolving world is critical for the Inland Empire today and tomorrow.

California State University, San Bernardino has been a powerful economic, social, and cultural force for decades. This can be seen through the thousands of graduates it sends into the workforce each year to the thousands of Inland Empire residents it employs. To date, the University has graduated more than 80,000 people since its establishment, enriching our community and culture with innovative and creative minds that will continue to make the Inland Empire a better place to live and raise a family for generations to come.

As we celebrate its 50th anniversary, we commend and thank the faculty, staff and students of California State University, San Bernardino of the past five decades for their contributions to our community.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: HONORING HYUNDAI HOPE ON WHEELS

**HON. MIKE KELLY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to observe National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and in doing so I wish to recognize Hyundai Hope on Wheels, a leading contributor to pediatric cancer research and the fight to permanently end childhood cancer.

Hope on Wheels has one wish—and it is one that I share as both a father and a grandfather: to help kids fight and beat cancer so that each and every child can live a long, healthy, and joyous life.

Each year, approximately 15,780 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer.

Even with all of the advances in modern medicine, cancer is still the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. It does not discriminate among its victims; any child can become afflicted no matter how young or how small. It affects children from each gender and all nationalities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds. In most tragic fact, a child is diagnosed with cancer every 36 minutes. No one and no family is immune from this devastating disease. But there is hope.

Blessedly, modern medical research and treatments have greatly improved the survival rate for children with cancer. As of 2010, there were approximately 380,000 childhood cancer survivors living across our country. This dramatic improvement is a result of an increased quality of care, early detection, and advances in innovative research—along with a growing wellspring of financial support beneath it all.

Hyundai Hope on Wheels is leading the way with its commitment to cancer research. In its 17th year of battling childhood cancer, Hope on Wheels will award \$10.5 million in research grants to hospitals across the United States during this September, National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Hope on Wheels has been investing in pediatric cancer research since 1998, and this month they will surpass \$100 million in lifetime funding to this critical cause.

I express my most heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to everyone at Hyundai who has made this wonderful investment in our children a powerful reality.

This year, one of Hyundai Hope on Wheels' grants will be awarded to Pennsylvania's own Dr. James Anthony Graves at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, where he is researching neuroblastoma, the most common extracranial pediatric tumor. This award and others will allow doctors like Dr. Graves to continue to work on life-saving cancer therapies and new treatments for children in Pennsylvania and across our country.

Mr. Speaker, for working to improve the survival rate of our nation's children tragically diagnosed with cancer, I ask that my colleagues join with me today in recognizing the heroic work of Hyundai Hope on Wheels. Committed to winning the fight against pediatric cancer, this extraordinary organization is providing generations of American children with the hope of a healthy future.

#### COMMENDING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 NIPSCO LUMINARY AWARDS

##### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend the recipients of this year's NIPSCO Luminary Awards. The Luminary Awards were created to honor individuals or organizations throughout the community that have displayed exemplary leadership in the areas of community leadership, economic development, education, environmental stewardship, and public safety. This year's honorees include Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership, Starke County Initiative

for Lifelong Learning, Porter County Career and Technical Center, and the Tri-Town Safety Village. For their extraordinary contributions to their communities and throughout the region, the honorees will be recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at NiSource Corporate Headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson was honored with the Community Leadership Award for her strong leadership skills, creativity, and dedication to improving and strengthening the City of Gary. On December 31, 2011, she became the first woman to lead Gary and the first African-American female mayor in the state of Indiana. Mayor Freeman-Wilson's passion for her home, the City of Gary, is unwavering. She is dedicated and continues to take on the city's challenges with integrity and enthusiasm. Mayor Freeman-Wilson has been a true community leader and asset to the people of Gary, as well as Northwest Indiana and beyond. She is worthy of this prestigious honor.

Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership (NIRP) is the recipient of the Economic Development Award. The organization was formed in 2006 with the goal of helping to establish and develop a worldwide competitive economy in Northeast Indiana. The organization is a proven success and is one of the top performing regional economic development organizations in the nation. The NIRP is a truly inventive organization and is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

Starke County Initiative for Lifelong Learning (SCILL) was honored with the Education Award. Created in 1996, the organization provides educational opportunities for industrial employees and continues to invest its efforts in developing a well-trained workforce within the regional community. For its exceptional dedication to empowering individuals through education and developing a strong workforce to promote economic growth within the community, SCILL is truly inspiring.

The Porter County Career and Technical Center (PCCTC) is the recipient of the Environmental Stewardship Award. The program started in 1971 and was formed with the purpose of providing a wide range of vocational and technical education programs to high school students. Throughout the years, the PCCTC has provided young people with the tools they need to succeed in their future endeavors. In addition, the organization has been a leader in the expansion of environmental education opportunities in the region and continues to develop the students' knowledge of environmentally sustainable energy sources. For educating our youth on the latest environmental challenges, innovations, and developments, the PCCTC is worthy of this special honor.

The Public Safety Award recipient is the Tri-Town Safety Village. This not-for-profit organization is directed by an eighteen member advisory board with representatives from the towns of Dyer, Schererville, and Saint John. The "Safety Village and Alive House" hands-on display teaches children about safety in and around their communities. For their dedication to providing and preparing our youth with safety education, they are to be highly commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding leaders and organizations. Their contributions to their communities,

Northwest Indiana, and worldwide are immeasurable, and the honorees are worthy of the highest praise.

#### KELLEY TRUCKING INC.

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the employees of Kelley Trucking Inc. in Golden, Colorado for their heroic acts on June 3, 2015.

On Wednesday, June 3, 2015 while at his Kelley Trucking Inc. Offices, John Kelley went into complete cardiac arrest. The heroic acts of the other six employees that were with John not only brought quick aid to the scene, they ultimately saved John's life. In the following moments Mike Easley, David Seehafer, Luke Kelley, Cal Kelley, John's wife Kelly Dorothy Kelley (Dottie) and Con Cockrum each provided the help John needed to receive urgent medical care as well as providing life-saving assistance that astounded John's family, medical staff, and myself.

When John went into complete cardiac arrest, David retrieved the onsite Automated External Defibrillator (AED) within 30 seconds. During this time Mr. Easley and John's son Luke got John into the rescue position while Con called 911. Dottie attached the pads of the AED and upon analyzing his heart they found it was completely stopped and would need a defibrillator shock. Cal Kelley administered the shock, while Luke began CPR compression and Dottie administered mouth to mouth. Mike and Cal were able to keep clear heads as they focused on leading the compressions. After the first set of CPR another shock was administered, and with the second shock John's heart was miraculously restarted. By this time Nick and David had brought the ambulance and Fire Department to the correct location. It is fortunate that the people surrounding John that day not only knew what to do but were able to execute the steps quickly and correctly. This shows the importance of providing adequate CPR trainings and having an AED onsite.

While everything happened so fast that day, the care and speed in which the people surrounding John dealt with the situation is what made all the difference. I am inspired by the care that these coworkers have had for each other and by their actions that can be described as nothing less than heroic.

I extend my deepest thanks to the employees of Kelley Trucking Inc. for their actions that day and their service to John Kelley and his family. These employees' courageous acts show how dedication to service and quick thinking can save lives.

#### HONORING THE VETERANS WALL OF FREEDOM

##### HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Veterans Wall of Freedom,

a monument to be erected in Grand Terrace, California. This memorial will honor the service, sacrifice and spirit of our nation's veterans, hundreds of thousands of whom called the Inland Empire home.

This will memorialize the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and liberty. We will never forget what they did for our nation, risking their lives to keep us safe and free. For over two hundred years, brave Americans have put their lives in harm's way for the sake of our country. The Veterans Wall of Freedom will allow us to pay tribute to those courageous souls, and to teach future generations of their selflessness and sacrifice.

The Veterans Wall of Freedom will serve as a constant reminder of the fearless Americans who lived beside us for decades and through multiple wars, and what they did to protect our families, communities and country.

MIKE BESTOR

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true public servant and community leader. After serving more than 21 years as City Manager of Golden, Colorado, Mike Bestor is retiring.

Mike's work ethic, integrity and thoughtfulness made him an effective City Manager for the City of Golden for more than 21 years. Golden flourished under Mike's management. His efforts to develop biking and hiking trails, additional park space, Fossil Trace Golf Course, the community center and countless other projects have helped enhance Golden and the ability for residents and visitors alike to live, work and play there. Even during the recession, Mike was able to keep Golden strong despite difficult budget cuts. Mike's appreciation and dedication to the city and its employees and residents is evident in everything he accomplished.

Mike Bestor exemplifies the best in public service, and Golden was fortunate to have his leadership for 21 years. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for all you have done for the City of Golden and our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. TAYLOR  
LANCASTER

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Taylor Lancaster, my constituent who just completed a cross-country trek to bring attention to the cause of proper labeling of food products containing GMOs. Taylor has devoted the past eight months of his life to traversing 2,700 miles by foot, in order to raise awareness for this important issue.

Taylor began his journey on January 5th of this year at the famous Santa Monica Pier. From there, he crossed our country's great

deserts, mountains, and plains, to arrive on the banks of the Potomac, here in Washington, D.C. Taylor did not do this alone; he had help along the way. Kind people in diverse communities shared their homes, allied and affiliated organizations shared his story, and his sponsors supported him. Taylor also had the opportunity to meet with like-minded groups, politicians, and schoolchildren to share his message as he crossed the country.

Taylor, who is my constituent and a resident of Santa Barbara, California, has been a back-packer for more than 20 years. He has worked on an organic farm and tended to organic gardens and orchards at a monastery. It was during his time at the monastery that he decided to undertake a journey in support of something larger than himself.

Like Taylor and the majority of American consumers, I firmly believe consumers have the right to know what is in their food. Part of Taylor's mission is to bring awareness to, and oppose, proposed legislation that would prohibit any mandatory labeling of GMOs. I have consistently voted against this type of legislation and applaud Taylor and his efforts to spread this message he believes in.

I am pleased to recognize Taylor's achievements on behalf of consumers' right to know and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

### CELEBRATING THE TOWN OF HEBRON'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere pride that I recognize the town of Hebron, Indiana, as town officials and the entire community celebrate the very special occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Prior to its incorporation in March of 1890, Hebron was originally known as the "Corners" based on the crossing of two roads at its location. Although the town's first three attempts at incorporation were unsuccessful, the area thrived and continued to grow, and the first school was constructed in 1842. The year of 1845 was significant in that the first constructed log house was completed within the community, while the petition for a local post office was also submitted by Reverend Wilson Blaine during that year. The petition would be approved within a year's time and named Hebron after Reverend Blaine's congregation. A new era arose in 1863 with the construction of the Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Saint Louis Railroad, linking the community by rail with Chicago's business and economic opportunities. Residents could now leave for business in Chicago in the morning and return in the evening. The years to come would mark an exciting time for Hebron and for all of Northwest Indiana.

Although it was not yet incorporated, the census taken in 1886 showed that the area had a population of 663. By its centennial year in 1990, Hebron had demonstrated a steady growth with a population of 2696 residents. This trend has continued throughout the years, as the latest census data indicates that Hebron's population has reached 3700.

In celebration of the town's 125th anniversary, festivities will be held in Hebron during

the annual Block Party for the Town on Saturday, September 19, 2015. In commemoration of this milestone, there will be a walking tour of community homes built in the 1800s, and the town's museum will be open for residents, visitors, and friends to reflect on the rich history of Hebron. In addition, entertainment and a grand fireworks display will take place for all to enjoy. A time capsule will also be buried near the Hebron clock tower to mark this special anniversary. For their devotion to their town's memory and prosperity, I would like to take the time to acknowledge Town Council President Don Ensign, Vice President Dave Peeler, council members, Pete Breuckman, Mike Mantai, and Keith Cunningham, Clerk-Treasurer Terri Waywood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the 125th anniversary of the town of Hebron, Indiana. For 125 years, the people of Hebron have demonstrated a level of pride in and service to their community that is unmatched. The town and its people have been an integral part of the Northwest Indiana community for generations, and I have been proud to serve as their representative.

### PIE CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pie Consulting and Engineering in Arvada, Colorado for being honored by Colorado Companies to Watch (CCTW).

CCTW is a unique awards program that recognizes and celebrates the contribution, innovation and energy of diverse second-stage companies that exemplify strong management, and community service involvement. While there are many outstanding companies in Colorado, Pie was chosen based on their positive impact on economic growth and the way they empower the innovation of their clients, staff and the community around them.

Pie Consulting & Engineering began in 1999 and has grown to be a leading forensic engineering and building sciences firm with offices throughout the nation. Pie's team of building science engineers and consultants provide enclosure consulting and services nationally and internationally for a variety of department of defense, federal, institutional, commercial, religious, medical, resort, mission-critical and mixed-use facilities. Their clients include the Marriott at Denver International Airport, and Pearl Place, the new Google complex.

The spirit of Pie's organization is fueled by strong company core values of ownership, community, integrity, respect, optimism and an emphasis on charitable giving. The high level of devotion Pie has shown to their community speaks to their quality of service. Pie takes pride in positively impacting the community of Arvada by hosting charity events and offering a Charitable Time Off program for employees to support charitable causes and non-profits that are important to them. Pie Consulting and Engineering is a great community asset and I'm proud of the service they provide our community. I am certain their service will continue to benefit our communities for decades to come.

HONORING THE LATE  
CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the late Congressman Lou Stokes loved life and loved his family. He loved Cleveland, and he loved the political process. He was a giant of a man who embodied a quiet dignity that still inspires me today to do more for those who don't have a voice.

It was my privilege to attend the funeral service of Congressman Stokes on August 25, 2015. While many family members and friends paid special homage to a great public servant, the remarks of Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE rung particularly true to all who were able to hear them. It is those comments that I would like to share with you now.

EULOGY OF LOUIS STOKES

(By Marcia Fudge)

I rise today to perform one of the most heavy-hearted duties to which I have ever been assigned. Lou Stokes himself was the assigner. He asked me several weeks ago to, on behalf of the political community, to deliver a discourse in commemoration of his lifetime of public service. Lou Stokes was the first African American elected to represent this community in the House of Representatives. I was blessed to have first a mentor/mentee relationship. Later, he became my colleague and my friend. That friendship continued without interruption until the day of his death. Make no mistake, my friends, we mourn this day, the loss of no ordinary man.

Napoleon I as the story goes was crossing the Alps, when he saw a lone peasant woman along the side of the road. "Where are you going on this bright morning?" And she answered "I am heading through the pass to hopefully see the Emperor." It was obvious she did not know who he was, so he went on and said "why would you be interested in seeing the Emperor, than his majesty from the House of Bourbon. It seems to me that you have exchanged one politician for another." The peasant spent a few minutes and said, "The Bourbons were the rulers for the rich and famous. Napoleon is our ruler." In this holy place, we have assembled to pay respect to the cherished and honored Louis Stokes, because no matter how many degrees he possessed, no matter how many world leaders he knew by first name, no matter how many Presidents sought his counsel, he was the Congressman for the peasant, the pauper, the passed over, and yes the populate.

Louis Stokes, thank God, never embraced the shallow notion that he should be like everyone else. Had he done so, he would never have reached his extraordinariness. He was a gifted orator, a writer of atypical ability, a lawmaker with legendary legislative savvy, and a statesman of sterling examples of civility. As the drama of history unfolds, Congressman Stokes will be ranked as one of the all-time greats, and to be sure, his greatness will endure. Because of Louis Stokes' staying power, I make it a practice to never praise the one hit wonders. Such ephemeral leaders are like the meteors that flash across the heavens, just long enough to announce the dark oblivion into which they soar. I, perhaps like many of you, prefer stars that don't burn out so quickly. Lou's star still shines.

There are millions of things that do not last. Such things are magnificent for a mo-

ment, and then like a mighty gust of wind, they're gone. The majority of men and women who served in Congress served and never left a trace. Deft winds hold no such victory over Louis Stokes. He was a man of good works. Remember, good works are inspired by God, and receptive to his people. Eternal life is the fruitage of good works. Yes I'm saying that if Lou Stokes is not in heaven, most of us can forget about it. I'm not a preacher, or a theologian, so I can't present a picture of Lou in heaven—but in the vernacular of the House of Representatives—the gentleman from Ohio has been appointed to an unknown committee, holding hearings in an unknown location, but orchestrated by a well-known, all-knowing chair.

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN GOOSE  
AWARD RECIPIENT, DR. CHRISTOPHER SMALL

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Golden Goose Award, which recognizes researchers whose federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society.

In particular, I rise to celebrate one of this year's Golden Goose Awardees and fellow alum of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in my district: Dr. Christopher Small. With funding from the National Science Foundation, Dr. Small, an earth scientist, and his colleague, Dr. Joel E. Cohen, a mathematical population biologist, pursued what seemed like a simple curiosity: how many people live at any given altitude on Earth? The result was the first global map of how the human population is distributed in altitude—an important factor in our exposure to risk, our human health and even how computers function.

While Drs. Small and Cohen were particularly interested in populations near coastlines, where they are at risk from natural disasters and sea-level rise, companies like Intel, Proctor & Gamble, and Frito-Lay have all consulted with them about populations at high altitudes. In fact, Dr. Small got what he calls the "biggest surprise of [his] scientific career" when he received a phone call from Frito-Lay representatives, interested to learning if there was a sufficient high altitude market to justify designing packaging that could sustain large differences in pressure from sea level up to the Rockies or the Himalayas.

Beyond working with industry to examine the potential of high altitude markets, the two have worked with biomedical researchers and public health professionals to help them understand the magnitude of altitude-related impacts on human health.

Without federal support, Drs. Small and Cohen may never have had the incentive to pursue their curiosity and develop game-changing insights into how the human population is distributed—insights that inform everything from microchip manufacturing to food production and packaging and from biomedical research to the treatment of human disease.

I rise today to congratulate my fellow Badger in receiving this important recognition and applaud those supporting the Golden Goose Award which continues to highlight the importance of federal investments in research.

These investments help grow our economy and improve the quality of our life and future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD  
T. GATES, JR.

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a special man from Kentucky's Sixth District, Bernard T. "Bud" Gates, Jr. Mr. Gates was a successful business owner and a leader in the automotive industry.

Mr. Gates was born in 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University, where he played football. Mr. Gates served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps. He was a well-known and successful race car driver. He was also a local television personality in Indianapolis.

Mr. Gates began his automotive career at the age of ten when he began working at his father's Chrysler-DeSoto dealership. He went on to own and operate Bud Gates Chrysler, Bud Gates Chevytown, one of the largest General Motors dealerships in the midwest, and Bud Gates Toyota, Indiana's first Toyota dealership. He was most recently an associate with his son Steve Gates at Toyota South in Richmond, Kentucky. Gates served on the National Automobile Dealers Councils for Chrysler, Chevrolet, and Toyota.

Bud Gates was a leader in the automotive industry and a great American. He died on September first. He will be deeply missed, especially by his daughter and two sons, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING RAMER SCHOOL

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, James A. Garfield said that "Next in importance to freedom and justice is education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be maintained". Even though President Garfield's presidency was short, he proclaimed the value of and set standards for better education in our nation. Being a former teacher he valued the public education system.

A strong education base in Elementary, Middle and High School is essential for continuous growth. Educators, students, and communities who accomplish academic achievement and growth should be recognized. I am honored to congratulate Ramer School for being named a "Reward School" for the 2014-15 academic school year. To be one of only 5% in the state and one of only six in rural west Tennessee to achieve this status is an accomplishment for any school. And to make it more newsworthy, this is the second time in four years for Ramer to receive this award. We celebrate the hard work and dedication of your students, teachers, parents, and administrators.

Ramer School, you are building a great foundation in the lives of future contributing adults. I congratulate you.

## TRIBUTE TO MAXINE LYON

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Maxine Lyon on her retirement as the organist at the First United Presbyterian Church in Atlantic, Iowa. Maxine recently retired after serving over 66 years as the church organist.

Maxine directed the children's choir, adult choir and bell choir for many years. She is well known in the Atlantic area for performing with other area musicians and accompanying community choirs. Maxine taught piano lessons for 40 years primarily to advanced students. After graduating from Parsons College in 1939, she began a distinguished career teaching music in several different school districts. Maxine and her husband, Walt, moved to Atlantic in 1948 and raised two daughters, Pat and Judy.

Mr. Speaker, I commend and congratulate Maxine for her many years of dedicated and devoted service to the First United Presbyterian Church and to the Atlantic community. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Maxine and wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

## HONORING STEVEN HALL

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Patterson Fire Department and West Stanislaus Fire District Chief Steven Hall, who announced his retirement after serving 25 years in Patterson.

Chief Hall's career in firefighting started in 1990 when he came on as a volunteer firefighter. He worked full-time at Costco throughout his 11-year tenure as a volunteer for the Patterson and West Stanislaus fire departments. During that time, he took emergency medical technician training, served as an engineer and became the local training officer. In 1998, Hall became the area's first sworn-in arson investigator, which was still a volunteer position at the time.

During Steven's 11 years as a volunteer firefighter, he was also earning an education. He obtained his associate's degree in fire science from Modesto Junior College and, shortly after, attained his bachelor's degree in occupational studies from CSU Long Beach. Through the Grand Canyon University in Arizona, Steven earned a master's degree in leadership, with an emphasis in emergency preparedness and executive fire leadership.

In 2001, Hall finally accepted a paid position with the Patterson Fire Department as the Fire Marshall/Division Chief. At that time, then-Chief Richard Gaiser, Division Chief James Kinnear, and Hall were the only career staff of the West Stanislaus district and Patterson Fire. The Patterson department later doubled in size in 2005 when Mike Ambrosino and Mi-

chael McLaughlin joined as the first career firefighters.

In 2011, Steven was promoted to Fire Chief. As Chief, he helped guide the department from a fully volunteer organization to one that now has both career and volunteer men and women. His priority as chief has been personnel development as well as establishing a new way of promoting the men and women from within the department. Under Chief Hall, Patterson Fire Department has seen many advances such as its first strategic plan which instituted a community emergency response team and fire prevention programs, all while staying under budget for the last four years. With the advancements and improvements of the Patterson Fire Department, the city's public protection classification has been reduced from a Class-4 to a Class-2, with a Class-1 being the best, by the Insurance Services Office.

Chief Hall may be resigning from the Patterson Fire Department but his career is far from over. He has accepted the assistant fire chief position at the Central Fire Protection District in Santa Cruz County. This move will give him and his wife April, the opportunity to spend more time with their children and new grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to the Patterson Fire Department and West Stanislaus Fire District by Chief Steven Hall and hereby wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO INTERSTATE 35  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Interstate 35 Telephone Company of Truro, Iowa. The company has reached an important milestone this year and I join them in celebrating their 50th anniversary of providing communication services to Iowa's 3rd Congressional District.

The Interstate 35 Telephone Company was incorporated in 1965 when Dale Mauer repurchased the Truro exchange from Continental Telephone Company. In 1965, St. Charles was added to the exchange, and in 1970, St. Mary's was added. Changes have been constant in this company since then as digital service, cable services and cell phone technology has improved. As a result, the number of employees has increased from 6 in 1980, to over 50 today. In many of the small towns they serve, the telephone company is one of the main businesses and a hub for a number of community projects.

Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to represent Interstate 35 Telephone Company and its hard working employees in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on their 50th anniversary and wish them nothing but continued success.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING  
JAZZ LEGEND LUQMAN HAMZA  
ON HIS 84TH BIRTHDAY**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, the 1930s and 1940s produced the names of jazz legends like Count Basie, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, and Mary Lou Williams, who either began their careers or played in Kansas City's storied 18th & Vine District, which I proudly represent. Among those legends was Luqman Hamza, who honed his musical skill listening and playing alongside these extraordinary musicians.

Originally born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 15, 1931, Hamza's mother passed away when he was only 6 years old. He was blessed to have been raised by foster parents, Isaiah and Elizabeth Cummings, a Christian minister and his wife, in Kansas City, Missouri. Hamza once related how impactful his foster father was, comparing his life to a history book. Cummings' father had been a slave and his mother a Native American Indian, which helped shape Hamza during his formative years.

Hamza grew up in Kansas City's 18th and Vine District, surrounded by music. Just a stone's throw away lived Charlie Parker and dozens of clubs were located within the district's six-block area. Hamza began singing for pocket change around his home when he was only a young child. From age 11 until he was 17, Hamza studied voice and piano under the Reverend John S. Williams. Williams, a minister and choir director at the Bethel Church, was also a music teacher at Lincoln High School and is known to have helped educate many of Kansas City's finest musicians. At the age of 12, Hamza, along with boyhood friends Sonny Kenner, Lucky Wesley and various other artists, formed a group known as the Four Steps and later renamed to the Five Aces. This group would play at several clubs in the 18th and Vine District, including Scott's Theater and the Chez Paris. The young band won a statewide high school talent contest in 1948, which allowed them to play on the Bob Hope show at Municipal Auditorium Music Hall. They would also land a live radio broadcast on KIMO every Sunday for several weeks. Hamza co-wrote his first chart-hitting release, When You Surrender, with Ted Battaglia when he was only 19 years old.

Hamza's experiences included playing with Charlie Parker when he was in town, and later with Miles Davis. By 1954, Hamza would venture out of Kansas City to continue his professional development. He returned to St. Louis, where he found work at the Glass Bar and the Toast of the Town. He then moved on to Chicago, where he thrived while the jazz scene was at its zenith. He lived and "gigged" in Chicago for over a decade, playing at numerous established clubs, such as the Black Orchid and the Playboy Club.

Although Hamza was raised in a Christian household, he began to explore Islam while in Chicago and became a Muslim in the mid 1960's. He grew up with the name of Larry Cummings, but adopted the name Luqman Hamza during this time. He held that name in



great reverence, as it held personal significance and he felt it should be treated with respect and honor. The name Luqman was mentioned in the Quran as the wise man, and the name Hamza was that of the Prophet Mohammad's uncle.

In 1971, Hamza returned to Kansas City to raise his own family. His music career would continue to thrive as he became the featured performer at Kansas City's Playboy Club until it closed a few years later. Hamza continued to play around Kansas City at various clubs until he ventured to St. Louis in 1992, before returning to Kansas City just five years later.

In 2000, at the age of 69, Hamza released two nationally acclaimed recordings, *With this Voice* and *When a Smile Overtakes a Frown*, which received strong praise. Hamza was honored with the American Jazz Museum Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008 when they highlighted his work with the Five Aces, amongst other achievements.

In addition to a successful personal career, Hamza has also committed himself to mentoring and tutoring future musicians at his alma mater, Lincoln High School. He still performs regularly, oftentimes in a quartet that includes his lovely wife and songstress, Raynola. Hamza once commented, "I love music, and it doesn't matter to me about being no star. I'm blessed to be at my age and be able to sing, play and make people enjoy, that makes you rich."

Mr. Speaker, please join me and our colleagues in honoring and celebrating Mr. Luqman Hamza on his 84th Birthday for a lifetime of devotion to the melodies of jazz. His music, his voice, his teachings have served as inspiration to generations of artists and peaceful enjoyment for the thousands who have listened to him.

CONGRATULATING SUPER-INTENDENT QUINTON LEE MARSHALL SR. ON HIS PASTORAL RETIREMENT

### HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Supt. Quinton L. Marshall Sr. on his pastoral retirement after 25 years of service.

Supt. Marshall was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. In 1975, he graduated from Flint Southwestern High School. For decades after, he has been an authority for the improvement of those in his community. In 1990, he founded New Life Tabernacle Ministries. In 1997, Supt. Marshall married his lovely wife, Missionary Queen Esther Marshall.

In 2006, Supt. Marshall was elected president of Genesee County Church of God in Christ Alliance. Under his leadership, the GCCA continued to build upon the foundational principals of having a central hub to exchange information, enhance churches fellowship, and to address the social needs and issues concerning parishioners and the community within the Genesee County area.

Supt. Marshall had a vision to bring economic development to Flint and thus started the Genesee County Black Business Expo. It

originated as an annual Black History Month event to connect area entrepreneurs. This February, the fourth annual Genesee County Black Business Expo attracted an estimated 600 to 700 people and showcased 63 businesses.

Additionally, Supt. Marshall is a proud father, grandfather, an accomplished athlete and business man, author, singer and songwriter, organist, voice for the community in political circles and respected leader amongst his Clergy brethren.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Supt. Quinton L. Marshall Sr. and extend my deepest appreciation to him for his years of service to the community.

### NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the fourteenth anniversary of the September 11 th terrorist attacks, and the third anniversary of the Benghazi attacks to join the bipartisan opposition to the president's unverifiable, unenforceable, and unconscionable Iran deal.

This deal will lift sanctions that will unleash billions to Iran and reward those who chant "Death to America"—those who are the world's leading state sponsor of terror.

In March, I signed a bipartisan letter with 367 of my colleagues saying, "A final . . . agreement must constrain [Iran] . . . so that [it] has no pathway to a bomb . . . ."

On this floor, Republicans and Democrats alike have explained how this deal will lead to a nuclear Iran in a dozen to 15 years or earlier.

Will a nuclear Iran make the world a safer place? When I spent a week in Israel in August, the answer I heard from civilian and military leaders across the political spectrum was resoundingly "NO" to this deal.

Iran's neighbors are among those most opposed.

The senior Democratic Senator on the Foreign Relations Committee has said, "If Iran is to acquire a nuclear bomb, it will not have my name on it."

I urge my colleagues to add their names to the bipartisan opposition to this dangerous deal with Iran.

### TRIBUTE TO TILLIE HEIM

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tillie Heim from the Tri-Center Varsity Cheer team, as she has been honored with the status of All-American at the Tri-Center cheer camp.

To achieve this status, Tillie had to try out in front of the entire camp, demonstrating her knowledge and skill in all areas of cheer. Tillie has dedicated her time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend her for her hard work and determination.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Tillie demonstrates the rewards of dedication and hard work. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tillie on a job well done, and wish her nothing but continued success.

### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2015

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2015, to subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal whistleblower and antidiscrimination laws that now protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. Congress should abide by the laws it imposes on the American people, American businesses, and others. Congress made that promise when it passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

The CAA was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable for its employment practices, but it did not finish the job. The CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws, but it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative protections.

The Congress Leads by Example Act of 2015 is a necessary follow-up bill to our 2010 investigation concerning staff complaints of conditions at the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC) and to the ongoing recommendations from the Office of Compliance (OOC), which found a gap in OOC's authority to enforce the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) provisions against the legislative branch. In the 111th Congress, as chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, I held a hearing examining claims by OOC, which was created by the CAA, of an estimated 6,300 safety hazards in the U.S. Capitol complex, as well as complaints by CVC tour guides that they were compelled to work in uniforms that were inappropriate for outdoor work in the summer and winter, and that there were limits placed on their water consumption. Our hearing demonstrated that many of the serious safety hazards in the Capitol complex had been resolved, and the Architect of the Capitol testified and offered evidence that it was continuing to correct the outstanding hazards with due speed. Eventually, the formation of a union with AFSCME Local 658 by CVC tour guides, aided by our hearings, helped speed up specific improvements in uniform and water consumption practices and policies.

However, in its annual report for fiscal year 2014, OOC identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch. OOC's recommendations include laws that grant the OOC General Counsel subpoena



power, provide whistleblowers with protection from retaliation, and require the maintenance of employment records. The OOC report presents the successes and shortcomings of the CAA by tracking the trends in legislative branch employee complaints and workplace safety hazards in fiscal year 2014. This bill takes into account the OOC report, and seeks to both apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress, Capitol Hill employees, and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

Legislative branch employees have no way to report misuse of federal funds and other violations without fear of retaliation. This bill provides general whistleblower protections, and makes applicable additional OSHA provisions to the legislative branch, including providing subpoena authority to OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations, and requiring the posting of notices in workplaces detailing employee rights to a safe workplace under OSHA.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA) and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. This bill requires legislative branch employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. This bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Adding the CCPA and bankruptcy provisions will deter economic discrimination, while the notice and training provisions will empower legislative branch employees with full knowledge of their rights.

Finally, this bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws. The enhanced recordkeeping requirements will facilitate better enforcement of laws.

By passing this bill, Congress will help restore the trust of the public in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW JERUSALEM GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE INSPIRATIONAL VOICES OF NEW JERUSALEM ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing The New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Inspirational Voices of New Jerusalem on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

New Jerusalem is renowned in the City of Flint for its history of perseverance in the face of tragedy and its contributions to the Flint community throughout the last 50 years.

On October 15, 1965, a council of men and women met at the home of Rev. L.W. Owens to organize a new Baptist Church in the city of Flint. Seven days later, they began their mission at 1033 E. York Street, where people from all walks, talents and gifts began to join the congregation.

In December 1967, seeing the need for future expansion, the membership relocated to 1024 Holtslander Avenue with a membership of 350. Throughout the following thirteen years, the church opened three additional buildings to welcome hundreds more members to service throughout the week.

In July 1991, with membership flourishing over two thousand, New Jerusalem's edifice was destroyed by a fire. Over \$650,000 in damages was done, but the congregation was not deterred. By the following Sunday, services were relocated to C.A.R.E. Inc. while the church was rebuilt.

The membership decided to take this tragedy and create an opportunity to benefit their community. They constructed a new educational center/fellowship hall and founded "Operation Blessing" to provide clothing and food for the needy on the site of the burned-out facility.

For five decades as of October, New Jerusalem has worked tirelessly to help those in the community most in need. Residents in the area have come to rely on the church for their contributions to the Soup Kitchen, scholarship funds, and other service projects.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the tenacity of The New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Inspirational Voices of New Jerusalem and thank them for the service they have provided to the City of Flint and surrounding communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TAL  
ESLICK

### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Tal Jimmy Eslick for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past three years.

Mr. Eslick was born in Spokane, Washington to parents Tal and Candice Eslick. After

moving to Clovis, California as a child and attending Buchanan High School, Mr. Eslick went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Fresno in 2006. While attending Fresno State, he developed an interest in politics and began volunteering on local campaigns. He also spent a summer in Washington, D.C. as a Congressional intern. After earning his Bachelor's Degree, Mr. Eslick began working for Congressman DEVIN NUNES as a Field Representative and, later, as District Director.

In April of 2012, Mr. Eslick adopted a six-year old cat named Mason. On May 25, 2013, Mr. Eslick married Rachel Azevedo. They currently reside in Clovis, California.

Mr. Eslick has been a member of my team since 2010, first as my Chief of Staff in the California State Assembly and now as my Chief of Staff in the United States House of Representatives. He brought a wealth of legislative experience and professionalism to my team and has been a very dependable and resourceful advisor and friend. Throughout his career, Mr. Eslick has been an invaluable asset to Team Valadao and the people of the Central Valley.

In February 2015, Mr. Eslick returned to Fresno State in pursuit of a Master's in Business Administration for Executives.

On September 27, 2015, Mr. Eslick's time in my office will come to an end. Mr. Eslick will be moving on to a new chapter of his life. While I know he is very excited about this opportunity, he will be greatly missed as a member of my team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Tal Eslick for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

### TRIBUTE TO RILEY LONSDALE

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Riley Lonsdale of Greenfield for receiving a state 4-H communication project award. Riley is the daughter of Martin and Maureen Lonsdale.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Riley's perseverance and dedication to serve others, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Riley's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Riley on her achievement and I wish her and her family nothing but continued success.

HONORING MRS. CAROLYN FISH

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Carolyn Fish, who has spent her life as a vocal advocate for women in Rockland County, New York.

Carolyn's activism began in the 1970s when she attended an early planning meeting for the Rockland County Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). She helped organize Rockland NOW's first conference at Rockland Community College, a pivotal moment in the growth of the women's rights movement in the county. Following the conference Carolyn continued to organize and plan events highlighting women's issues, eventually becoming vice president of Rockland NOW in 1977.

Since 1978 Carolyn has been the Executive Director of the Rockland Family Shelter (RFS), leading its growth from a small shelter to a full-service violence and sexual assault agency. The shelter provides residential and non-residential services that encompass all the needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Under her leadership, RFS has focused on addressing oppression and integrating awareness of racism and sexism to better meet the needs of the women and children RFS serves.

During her tenure RFS has received numerous awards, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Community Service in 1985, the Distinguished Housing Award from the State of New York in 1986, and the Pinnacle Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Non-Profit Organization from the Rockland Business Association in 2004.

Carolyn has also lectured throughout the nation on the causes and effects of domestic violence and has served on a statewide task force to develop the New York State Domestic Violence Policies for Counties, the New York State Crime Victims' Board Advisory Council, and the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. For her hard work and dedication, she has received numerous awards and honors, including the Outstanding Victim Advocate Award from the New York State Crime Victims Board in 1999, and a Women of Distinction Award from the New York State Senate, also in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Carolyn Fish for her lifetime of work on behalf of women in Rockland County, New York, and across the country. I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding her achievements.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
THOMAS S. FOSTER**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a very special man from Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Thomas S. Foster was a pharmacy educator and a pioneer in pharmacology research.

Dr. Foster earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky's Col-

lege of Pharmacy in 1973. He had a long and successful career at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Foster served as a Professor of Pharmacy, where he inspired generations of pharmacy students who have gone on to be successful in their profession. He motivated students to achieve more than they thought possible. Dr. Foster's clinical pharmacy research involved investigational drugs and drug administration systems. His research efforts led to the development of numerous products that improved the health of Americans and others around the world.

Dr. Foster served in many professional organizations, including the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the American Pharmacists Association, and the United States Pharmacopeial Convention. Foster chaired Kentucky's Drug Formulary Council, the Drug Management Review Board, and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy. He was a consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as well as the Office of Human Research Protection of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He was elected to fellowship in the American Pharmacists Association, the American College of Clinical Pharmacology, and the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

Dr. Foster and his wife Marijo had a daughter, a son, and six grandchildren. Dr. Foster contributed greatly to the pharmacy profession. He loved his work and left a legacy of education and research. The many accomplishments of Dr. Thomas S. Foster are renowned and he will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT  
OF OREGON**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Saturday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert E. Corey, Army; Robert P. Hamilton, Army; Edward N. Kaser Jr., Army; Fred A. Puckett, Army; Harold V. Werner, Army; Victor T. Zeller, Army; Harold F. Barger, Army Air Forces; Perry L. Peterson, Army Air Forces; Edgar F. Pomeroy, Army Air Forces; John L. Weakland, Army Air Forces; Fred H. Thornberg, Coast Guard; James O. Catt, Navy; Charles W. Filipowicz, Navy; Frederick L. Hisaw, Navy; John F. Martin Jr., Navy; Alva Q. Mizer, Navy; Marshall E. Scott, Navy; John F. Spring, Navy; Joseph M. Stone, Navy; Martin G. Tonissen, Navy; Dean M. Wilcox, Navy; Donald A. Yeamans, Navy; Mary R. Yeamans, Navy; S. Tony Zarbano, Navy; Jack R. Merkle, Marine Corps; Charles F. Paul, Marine Corps; and William E. Robinson, Marine Corps.

These 27 heroes join the estimated 20,000–25,000 veterans who will travel to Washington DC from their home states in 2015, adding to the 138,800 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the twelve escorts traveling on this trip who have also

served our country: Steven N. Barger, Army; William L. Daniels, Army; Lloyd Frasier, Army; Anthony L. Zarbano, Army; John D. Filipowicz, Coast Guard; Aaron L. Tonissen, Coast Guard; Jeffrey H. Weakland, Marine Corps; Edwin A. Montgomery, National Guard; Allan A. Auge, Navy; Robert L. Hamilton, Navy; Daniel M. Lowe, Navy; and Robert E. Walker, Navy.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

CONGRATULATING CARLISLE  
BELTS ON THE SALE OF ITS ONE  
BILLIONTH POWER TRANS-  
MISSION BELT**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate auto part manufacturer, Carlisle Belts of Springfield, Missouri, on reaching the milestone sale of its one billionth power transmission belt.

As a staple of Springfield since 1959, this is not only a triumph for Carlisle, but for the entire community. Each of its belts is American made and represents a dedicated team of engineers, technicians, and craftsmen that take pride in their product. This rare achievement represents the sound efficiency of Carlisle employees through more than five decades, and is an example of exemplary hard work—commonplace among the people of southwest Missouri.

On September 26th, Carlisle will celebrate this momentous occasion with festivities for workers—current and retired—and their families. It is my pleasure to help recognize Carlisle for this great achievement and wish its workers a joyous and well-earned celebration of their success. By creating jobs, delivering top-class products, and exhibiting exemplary work ethic for more than 50 years, Carlisle and its manufacturing team have made southwest Missouri a better place to live. It makes me proud to serve them, and all of Missouri's Seventh Congressional District.

CELEBRATING NANCY BOSTON

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the vision, leadership, and quarter century of political activism of Nancy Boston of Bell County, TX. Her dedication to both her nation and her Party are no small part of the reason the Lone Star State is friendly territory for Republicans.

Political parties thrive off the efforts of dedicated volunteers and individuals who take time

from their busy lives to devote themselves to a larger cause. It's rarely glamorous work. Party soldiers stuff envelopes, walk door-to-door for candidates, and devote long hours in the most elemental parts of the electoral process. Through the years, Nancy has never shied away from this hard work and was always ready to help.

Like many Republicans, Nancy's political fires we're ignited during Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign. But it was during the aftermath of Watergate that Nancy took her committed activism to a new level by becoming a part of the Central Texas Republican Women's Club where she wore many hats and became an indispensable part of that critical organization. Over the years, she's provided excellent service in a variety of elected and appointed positions. Elected Chair of the Bell County Republican Party in 1990, Nancy has shepherded that organization into a position of prominence in both Texas and the Nation.

Nancy has been a mentor and role model to other activists and leads the Party with dedication, honesty, and integrity. Her wisdom and experience have been relied upon countless times and she's always been a source of sound guidance and leadership.

Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world; Nancy Boston doesn't have that problem. I join her family, friends, and colleagues in saluting her great work and wish her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE NOLTE

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Florence Nolte on the celebration of her 100th birthday. Ms. Nolte celebrated her 100th birthday on July 17th, 2015 in Stuart, Iowa.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Ms. Nolte's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet Communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Ms. Nolte has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Ms. Nolte in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ms. Nolte on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her continued health and happiness in the years to come.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,061,535,754.50. We've added \$7,524,184,486,841.42 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### HONORING MEMORIAL TABERNACLE CHURCH

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Memorial Tabernacle Church, located in Oakland, California upon its 90th Anniversary as a strong religious pillar in the East Bay community.

Memorial Tabernacle Church was founded in 1925 by Bishop Judge & Sarah King, a married couple from Louisiana. They moved to California in search of a better life, free from prejudice. The church was established in a two-story house on Seventh Street in West Oakland. Despite the area's reputation, Bishop Judge and Sarah preached in all areas of the community, including street corners and in front of bars.

To accommodate their growing numbers, the congregation moved to a larger building in West Oakland. But in 1960, the United States Postal Service purchased several blocks of land and property on Seventh Street to build the main Post Office before finally moving to their current home in North Oakland.

Following the passing of Bishop Judge in 1945, his son, Bishop Ulysses S. King was named senior pastor. Bishop Ulysses was active in the community. He was a member of the Center for Urban Black Studies, an affiliate center of the Graduate Theological Union. He later received an honorary Doctor of Divinity. In 1972, Bishop Ulysses took the message of salvation to the cities of Lagos and Uyo, Nigeria. In 1976, Bishop Ulysses helped establish an affiliate church in Uyo.

Now under the leadership of Pastor Stephen King, Memorial Tabernacle Church has continued to thrive through its various ministries in the East Bay community. The church facilitates programs such as the Embracing Our Community, Health Ministry, and Community Garden Ministry. All of these programs are responsible for maintaining contact with the community and working to serve those in need.

Memorial Tabernacle Church also hosts ministries for groups of all ages and areas of need. The Young People Ministry helps educate the young people about God's Word and how to better serve their community. The Music Ministry guides people in expressing praise, prayer, and gratitude to God via musi-

cal instruments, singing hymns, guest musicians and soloists.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Memorial Tabernacle Church on the special occasion of its 90th anniversary. I wish Memorial Tabernacle Church many more years of faithful and compassionate service.

#### TRIBUTE TO MIKE DAILEY

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mike Dailey, principal at Southeast Polk Junior High School for receiving the 2015 ITAG (Iowa Talented and Gifted) Administrator of the Year award.

This honor is awarded annually to recognize an Iowa building-level or district office administrator who supports and advances ITAG's mission in his/her school district. The organization's mission is to "recognize, support, and respect the unique and diverse needs of talented and gifted learners through advocacy, education, and networking."

Mike was nominated for this award by Laurie Wyatt, Southeast Polk's Learning Supports Coordinator. Ms. Wyatt cited Mike's support of gifted junior high students, which is reflected in his willingness to collaborate and cooperate with other staff. He has also been a driving force behind the growth in his building's Iowa Assessment scores.

Mike's tireless dedication to all junior high students is highly valued by Southeast Polk. His efforts exemplify the district's priority of high academic achievement, and its vision to help students reach success in college, career, and civic life.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Mike for this award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent him, his family and his fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mike and wishing him nothing but continued success.

#### HONORING VFW POST 1294, COMMANDER EDDIE BRAY, AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY

### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, people who serve their country in the military without regard for their own safety to safeguard our way of life are truly heroes. Some of these heroes come home to continue to serve their neighbors, their communities and fellow veterans. Today I am pleased to congratulate and honor a group of these great heroes.

To the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1294, Commander Eddie Bray, and the Ladies Auxiliary: I am amazed at your accomplishments and pleased that you have been recognized

with the First Place status in the state of Tennessee for the second consecutive year.

Some of your other outstanding awards include:

The post was named National Community Service Post for the second year

Commander Bray was awarded the Outstanding Recruiter of the year

The post was awarded a plaque for 100% membership

Awarded Honor Post status for exceeding 100% membership

Named All State and the Commander and Quartermaster were named Co-Captains of All State Teams

One of only 139 out of 6,999 posts to be named an All American Post

Commander Bray named All American Commander

I am pleased to have the honor to congratulate you in person and to thank you for your continued service.

**HONORING PROFESSORS WALTER MISCHER, JOEL COHEN, AND CHRISTOPHER SMALL—FOR RECEIVING THE 2015 GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD**

### **HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three New York scientists—Professors Walter Mischel, Joel Cohen and Christopher Small—for receiving the 2015 Golden Goose award for research within their respective fields.

Founded in 2012, the Golden Goose Award recognizes researchers whose obscure, federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society. This annual contest was inspired by my friend, Representative JIM COOPER of Tennessee, as a way of highlighting the tremendous human and economic benefits of federally funded research.

Dr. Mischel of Columbia University, in conjunction with Drs. Philip Peake and Yuichi Shoda of Stanford University, were recognized for their “Marshmallow Test.” This project measures human behavior, specifically our self-control, by offering children one marshmallow immediately or two if they could wait just 15 minutes alone with their potential treat. The project revealed the importance of self-control and how the trait can be cultivated to appropriately teach our children. Dr. Mischel’s work was made possible by funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Drs. Cohen and Small received the 2015 Golden Goose award for their study on population densities at various altitudes. Working out of the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory in my district, Drs. Cohen and Small developed the first global map of human population distribution with respect to Earth elevation. This innovative way of looking at population density will help us understand how events such as natural disasters or sea-level rise impact population distribution and health. Their work was made possible by funding from the NSF.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professors Walter Mischel, Joel Cohen and Chris-

topher Small for receiving the 2015 Golden Goose Award. Their projects symbolize the importance of federal funding for scientific research and the creativity that research fosters. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending them for their hard work.

### **TRIBUTE TO SKYLER RAWLINGS**

### **HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Skyler Rawlings of Greenfield, Iowa, for receiving a state 4-H citizenship project award. Skyler is the son of Sieanna Rawlings of Greenfield, Iowa.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Skyler’s dedication to serving others, and I commend him for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Skyler’s actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Skyler on his achievement and I wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

### **TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN AND PORTLAND OREGON**

### **HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial today in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation’s capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Bortvedt, Army; Eldon Dyer, Army; John Fellas, Army; Donald Ford, Army; RD, Sr. Fortner, Army; Clyde Harrop, Army; Donald Kiser, Army; Everett Lee, Army; Patrick O’Brien, Army; Lawrence Torrey, Army; Donald Bean, Army Air Forces; Donald Cresap, Army Air Forces; Harold Goff, Army Air Forces; Lawrence Kissinger, Army Air Forces; Francis Marvel, Army Air Forces; Raymond Morgan, Army Air Forces; Leo Morstad, Army Air Forces; James Riopelle, Army Air Forces; James Sperling, Coast Guard; Stanley Wheeler, Coast Guard; Harold Englet, Merchant Marines; Charles Kempf, Merchant Marines/Army; Kenneth Anderson, Navy; William Birkeland, Navy; Douglas Carer, Navy; Thomas Christman, Navy; Raynold Deluca Sr., Navy; Rupert Fixott, Navy; Donald Fowler, Navy; Ralph Grassmuck, Navy; Roland

Halberg, Navy; Marvin Johnson, Navy; Robert Kahl, Navy; Kenneth Kerns, Navy; Harold Lay, Navy; Gerald Midbust, Navy; Clinton Peck, Navy; George Prusynski, Navy; Leo Schammel, Navy; Raymond Stahly, Navy; Earl Uptegrove, Navy; Murray Watts, Navy; Lyle Wescott, Navy; Merrill Williams, Navy; Robert Zimmerman, Navy; Joe Bruer, Marine Corps; Earle Costello, Marine Corps; Robert Miller, Marine Corps; Juanita Price, Marine Corps; and John Anderson, Navy Reserve.

These 50 heroes join the estimated 20,000–25,000 veterans who will travel to Washington DC from their home states in 2015, adding to the 138,800 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm’s way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Dick Tobiason for his tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon and trip leader Erik Tobiason for his efforts.

### **RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH**

### **HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Syringomyelia Awareness Month, with the hope that increased awareness of this disease will bring improved care to individuals bravely battling the disease and a cure.

Syringomyelia is a progressive disease of the spinal cord and has no known cure at this time. Thousands of men, women and children all over the world are affected by Syringomyelia and they can suffer from chronic severe pain, widespread symptoms, paralysis and even death. It is imperative that we educate the public and medical communities in order to find a cure for this disease.

I ask all my colleagues to join me and all those impacted with this rare disease, not just today but every day, in the mission to educate the world about Syringomyelia. With more research on the disease and developments of treatments and even a cure, we can decrease mortality for individuals all over the world.

### **TRIBUTE TO CALVIN AND KAREN LARSEN**

### **HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Calvin

and Karen Larsen of Underwood on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Calvin and Karen were married in 1965 and are lifelong residents of Southwest Iowa.

Calvin and Karen's commitment to each other, their children, Nancy and Lind, as well as their grandchildren truly embodies their Iowa values. I congratulate this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

**HONORING THE WORLD WAR II HEROES OF LISTER-KNOWLTON POST 9389 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IN CARIBOU, MAINE**

**HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored by the opportunity to acknowledge the great sacrifices made by our World War II heroes of Lister-Knowlton Post 9389 Veterans of Foreign Wars in Caribou and our Veterans throughout Maine's Second District. This commemoration celebrates a monumental victory for the United States these brave Americans helped achieve. Our World War II Veterans changed the world by answering the ultimate call of duty in defense of freedom and democracy.

I'm humbled by the opportunity to honor and thank all of our brave Maine Veterans who helped achieve this immeasurable triumph. Your immortal accomplishments will continue to inspire Maine generations to come.

I stand with your fellow Mainers in thanks for all that you have given to our Country. We will never forget your bravery.

**CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DONNA SMALLWOOD ACTIVITIES CENTER & PARMA OFFICE ON AGING**

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Donna Smallwood Activities Center and Office on Aging in Parma, Ohio. The agency celebrates its 50th birthday today.

In 1965 the Parma 60+ Club began meeting weekly. Parma Jaycees wives volunteered to coordinate activities led by Donna Smallwood. Donna Smallwood was later hired as the first director when the City of Parma decided to increase services in 1968. Five years later, in 1973, the Sixty Plus Center opened in the newly expanded Memorial Hall with services and activities five days a week. 1973 also marked the founding of the Parma Office on Aging to address the needs of Parma's older adults through an array of supportive services. Finally, in 1991 the Center's current building

was constructed. City officials christened the building in 2009 as the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging.

Over 6,000 members belong to the Center. Though primarily for Parma residents, the agency also serves older adults in any community in the region, with partnerships developed with the nearby cities of Parma Heights and Seven Hills.

From its small beginnings to the thousands of people served today, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging has become an integral part of both people's lives and the community in Parma. Focused always on offering a warmhearted and cheery place to meet, learn, be entertained and find help, the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging is truly a home away from home for area seniors. We commend the caring service of its directors and staff both past and present, congratulate its membership on achieving this milestone birthday, and look forward to the future.

I am pleased to join the membership of the Donna Smallwood Activities Center & Parma Office on Aging and the community of Parma, Ohio in celebrating this joyous occasion. Onward.

**TRIBUTE TO SHELBY SOPER**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Shelby Soper of Adair for being chosen for State 4-H Council Membership for 2015–16. Shelby is the daughter of Clint and Mindy Douglas of Adair.

State 4-H Council membership is given to youth who demonstrate exceptional leadership and communication skills. A total of 40 youth are chosen for this council on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Shelby's dedication to serving others, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Shelby's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Shelby on this achievement and I wish her and her family nothing but the best moving forward.

**HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NASHVILLE'S SUPERVISORS ON SITE**

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's Supervisors on Site and the impact they make on affordable housing in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1985, Nashville leaders decided to be a part of the extraordinary ministry of the na-

tional Habitat for Humanity movement. With only a handful of volunteers, it often took up to a year to complete one house, but the positive effects were clear and the volunteer passion was unwavering.

Now, in its 30th year of service, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville annually completes more than 30 new home construction projects in Davidson, Dickson, Cheatham and Wilson counties. This would not be possible without the dedicated corps of Habitat's Supervisors on Site.

The Supervisors on Site are not just volunteers who come out to swing a hammer. They are leaders who guide more than 6,000 volunteers each year and provide hands-on training to help them build quality affordable homes alongside the Habitat Partner Families. The Supervisors on Site are the spirit of the volunteer corps and the backbone of the volunteer experience, having helped change the lives of more than 675 hardworking, low-income families through the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Program.

And so, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to salute the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville's Supervisors on Site for their dedicated service as champions of affordable housing. They effect true change in the lives of not just the Habitat homeowners, but the entire community. They make our district and the state of Tennessee proud.

**CONGRATULATING JOHN CHANDLER**

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, as part of the "Faith it Forward" initiative, I recognized and became more aware of some of the outstanding work and accomplishments of people in my district.

Today I am pleased to congratulate Mr. John Chandler and to personally thank him for the work he continues to do with the youth of McNairy County.

John teaches his students to give back to the community and to help those in need. He organizes student prayer breakfasts, devotionals, youth camps and mission trips. At Christmas, his youth group participates in the "Shoe Box" ministry and usually packs over 400 boxes. He leads the youth to give, visit and serve by example.

In addition to his community service, John shows tireless support for his students in their own endeavors in sports and academics, sends prayer cards and texts during tough times, surgeries and recovery, and sponsors and creates entertainment for the youth of this rural community. John is truly a servant to his community and his youth.

"I am just a servant that has answered the call that God has placed on my heart and pours out through my life. To Him all the glory be given."—John Chandler, Youth Minister, Selmer First Baptist Church

Thank you, John Chandler, for continuing to make a difference in the lives of the youth of McNairy County.

## TRIBUTE TO HEATH DOWNING

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Heath Downing of Creston, Iowa, for receiving a state 4-H food and nutrition project award. Heath is the son of Steve and Karen Downing of Creston.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Heath's perseverance and dedication to serve others, and I commend him for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Heath's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Heath on his achievement and I wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

## GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD WINNER

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Golden Goose Award, which recognizes researchers whose seemingly obscure, federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society.

In particular, I rise to celebrate 2015 Golden Goose Awardees Drs. Walter Mischel, Philip Peake, and Yuichi Shoda for their research using the now famous Marshmallow Test. Their work—funded by the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation—has had a significant impact on how we understand human behavior, how we educate our children, and even how we save for retirement.

These researchers used a simple test to measure pre-schoolers' self-control, offering children one marshmallow now or two if they could wait 15 minutes alone in a room with a single marshmallow. Their research showed that how children performed on this simple, silly-sounding test correlated with the children's future SAT scores, their propensity for obesity or drug addiction, and even the very chemistry of their brains.

Far from a story about fixed fates, their study showed the importance of self-control and provided an understanding of how it can be cultivated. Our increased understanding of self-control has transformed how we teach our children and helps us recognize the potential that lies in all of us. They have helped usher in a new age of understanding of human development and behavior. Our lives are the better for it. I am proud to stand in recognition of their work.

I also believe it is important to highlight the government funding that made their research

possible. Basic scientific research is often misunderstood because it may not appear to have an immediate pay off, but the research using Marshmallow Test highlights the profound impact it can have on our lives. We must continue to invest in basic and applied scientific research if we are going to tackle the problems of the 21st century.

## LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This crucial program has traditionally enjoyed bipartisan support and over the course of its 50-year existence has conserved iconic landscapes in every state. Investing in public parks and recreational areas is one of the most direct and effective steps we can take to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the natural beauty of our country.

Indeed, my public service began with a fight to preserve the beautiful beech-maple trees of Hart's Woods outside of Rochester, New York. Developers had targeted this magnificent forest for commercial development, but my neighbors and I worked together to delay their plans. Every time I return home and pass by the trees we were able to save, I am reminded of the importance of preservation.

And, Mr. Speaker, there are few better ways to conserve and protect our nation's wilderness and environment than by supporting the LWCF. Since its creation during the Johnson Administration, the LWCF has preserved national forests, recreation areas, parks, wildlife refuges, Civil War battlefields, and historic sites across our country. This program also provides matching funds to support countless state park and recreation projects.

These investments not only directly preserve our nation's natural beauty, but also contribute to our economy. Access to open space drives economic development, boosts property values, and provides healthy outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and tourists alike. Ensuring recreational access to existing public lands for hunters, anglers, and other outdoors recreationists is one of the important successes of this program and all of these activities support local economies. In my home state of New York alone, outdoor recreation generates \$33.8 billion in consumer spending and \$12.4 billion in wages and salaries.

Importantly, the LWCF accomplishes all this at little cost to the taxpayer as the program is funded through fees paid by companies drilling offshore for oil and gas. It is hard for me to believe that this body would fail to reauthorize such a valuable program that creates so many tangible benefits at such little cost.

I strongly support the LWCF. I urge all of my colleagues to ensure that the LWCF is reauthorized so that we can continue to preserve open spaces not only for all those who rely on these natural resources for their livelihood, but also for the benefit of our children and grandchildren.

## THE SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING ACT (H.R. 1599)

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, every family should have access to the information they need to make informed choices about the food they consume. For many consumers, understanding what products are considered genetically modified organisms (GMO) is important when buying food for their families. Unfortunately, right now there is no standard federal definition for GMO. Instead, a patchwork of different definitions exists, leading to confusion and misinformation.

Consumers have the right to know how their food was produced and that begins with establishing a consistent, standard federal definition of GMO. I voted in favor of the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act (H.R. 1599) to provide families in Minnesota and across our country with the information they want. H.R. 1599 is not perfect, but it is an important first step to ensure families have safe and accurate labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

For years, I fought for a standard definition of "gluten-free" products. Additionally, last year I reaffirmed my support for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) national voluntary certified "organic" labeling system when Congress passed the 2014 Farm Bill. This voluntary system ensures a mother buying bread for her family can be confident that it is "organic" whether she sees this label in Minnesota or Vermont. Similarly, H.R. 1599 calls on USDA to establish a national voluntary labeling system for "GMO-free" products. I hope this federal definition and voluntary labeling system can ultimately help us move towards nationwide mandatory labeling for GMOs.

Finally, H.R. 1599 instructs the Food and Drug Administration to create a definition for the word "natural". This rulemaking process, which will be fully transparent and open to the public, will help clarify one of the most confusing terms used in food marketing today.

The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act marks the beginning, not the endpoint, of much-needed policy discussion on the reliable consumer information we all deserve. The current status quo—which does not provide consumers any information about GMO products—is unacceptable for Minnesota families and farmers. Instead of settling for no standard definition for GMO, I voted to continue this conversation and ensure families have access to the information they want about their food.

Mr. Speaker, we all deserve accurate and safe food labels. As a nation, it is important that we continue this discussion and work to ensure that consumers have the information they need to make informed choices for themselves and their families.

## IRANIAN NUCLEAR DEAL

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the nuclear deal with Iran that was

negotiated and endorsed by President Obama and sent to Congress for review. Last week, I was encouraged that House Republicans and principled Democrats voted against approval of the deal and to pass other measures requiring the president to provide information regarding every aspect of the deal negotiated with Iran.

If this deal is implemented, it will almost certainly lead to a nuclear-capable Iran in the near future. While the President insists on trusting this dangerous state sponsor of terrorism, he is recklessly jeopardizing the safety and security of America and our allies.

While the House followed appropriate steps in response to the Iranian nuclear deal, I am disappointed that the Senate didn't allow a vote on it at all. Certainly, an agreement of this magnitude with such dire consequences to our national security deserves a vote in both chambers. In a matter of this importance, the American people deserve to know where all their elected officials stand.

Nevertheless, it is clear that the President has chosen to disregard the opinion of a bipartisan majority of the House and the Senate, as well as the overwhelming majority of the American people, and press ahead with the ill-considered and deeply flawed agreement with Iran. The President and his allies in Congress now bear sole responsibility for the adverse consequences that the agreement will have for the United States, for our friends and our allies in the region and for those threatened by Iranian-sponsored terrorism around the world.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION OF VOTERS EVERYWHERE (PROVE) ACT—TO EXPAND ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, September is National Voter Registration Month, and in honor of this occasion I am introducing legislation to allow young Americans to preregister to vote in federal elections.

Nothing is more important to representative government than choosing our leaders through free and fair election. But right now too many young people are not participating in the electoral process.

In the 2014 election cycle only 39 percent of 18–24 year-olds were registered to vote. And of those, only 16 percent actually cast a ballot on Election Day.

That is why today I am introducing the Pre-Registration of Voters Everywhere Act, or the PROVE Act, to allow young Americans to preregister to vote in federal elections and increase access to voter registration. Once these future voters are registered and in the system, they can be automatically added to the voting roles so they can vote once they turn 18.

Already in 20 states and the District of Columbia young people are able to preregister to vote prior to the age of 18. In those states young people are more engaged and more likely to vote.

Mr. Speaker, voting is habit forming; when people vote, they are likely to vote again. The

PROVE Act is an effective way to engage young people early on and encourage lasting participation in elections.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARION ASHLEY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment and contributions to the community of Riverside County, California are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Marion Ashley is one of these individuals. On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, my good friend Marion Ashley is celebrating his 80th birthday.

Marion Ashley is a dedicated family man. He has been married to his wife Mary for 54 years. Together they have six children, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. As a lifelong resident of Riverside County, Marion has had an extensive and decorated career of public service working tirelessly to improve the lives of his fellow citizens and local communities.

After years working in the private sector in both real estate and accounting, Marion started his journey of public service by serving as a Riverside Planning Commissioner in 1973. He then brought his talents over to the Eastern Municipal Water District when he was elected in 1992. In 2002, he was elected to Riverside County Board of Supervisors where he has been serving for the past 13 years. While overseeing the 5th District in Riverside County, Marion has worked to enact public policy for the 2.3 million people he serves and manages a \$4.7 billion budget.

Marion has brought his expertise over the years to four very crucial areas of public policy in the state of California including water, jobs, transportation, and forward planning. His hard work and dedication has not been unnoticed by the communities he serves and his peers. Marion is the only County Supervisor that has had the honor of being chosen as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Western Riverside Council of Governments, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

In addition to his many years of public service to the Riverside County community, Marion and his family have donated hundreds of acres of land in the hills close to the city of Perris, California to become a permanent nature preserve.

I am proud to call Marion a close friend, fellow community member and great American. And today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating him on the celebration of his 80th birthday.

CONGRATULATING SPENCER ROBARGE ON HIS 2015 U.S. BOWLING CONGRESS JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL TITLE

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri on winning the 2015 United States Bowling Congress Junior Gold Championship National Title for the 12-and-under class.

Nearly 3,200 bowlers played in the 2015 Junior Gold Championships this year. Spencer outscored a rival from New York State, 390–332, to take the gold. He won his class' competition at age 12, about a decade after rolling his first bowling ball down the lane at age two. He walked away from the competition with not only a win, but ranked third nationally in the Under 12 boys scratch division. He has also won a prize at every tournament he has played to-date this year.

Years of practice and experience has led him to out-bowl the competition and roll faster toward success. I have no doubt Spencer is a bowler to watch as he strikes his way to the top and toward the big leagues. I am proud to have young people with such bright futures in Missouri's Seventh District.

HONORING HENRY J. CAMOSSE, JR. FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO WORCESTER AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS ROLE AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2015 WORCESTER COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry J. Camosse, Jr., who will be the Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade in Worcester, Massachusetts and honored as the Outstanding Italian.

Henry has been a pillar of the Worcester community and is a true family man. He is the oldest of six siblings and has three sons with his wife, Pamela Anne. Growing up, Henry and his family would always have spaghetti and even though his mother was Polish, the recipe was Italian. His grandfather was originally from Fano, Italy and came to the U.S. in the 1900s with his brother, Leo, and his sister, Grace.

One of the proudest traditions of Henry's family is Camosse Masonry Supplies, the family-owned business that is now in its third generation of family ownership, and 4th generation of family management.

Founded by his father in 1948 as a manufacturer of concrete block, Camosse Masonry Supply has grown into a full line landscape and masonry supply house. Today, they're helping homeowners, local businesses, and construction companies across Worcester County get the supplies they need for projects big and small.

As a business leader in Worcester, Henry is currently serving in leadership roles with the



New England Concrete Masonry Association, the Worcester Better Business Bureau and the Bay Path Education Foundation.

Henry has also served in a variety of other roles to support our local businesses through organizations like the Worcester County Homebuilders Association, the National Concrete Masonry Association, Skills-USA.

As an active member of the Worcester community, Henry has also contributed through his work with the Charlton Little League and the Boy Scouts Pack 338. Henry's support for great programs like these that give Worcester families and their kids a chance to build friendships and strengthen our community are another example of the great impact he has had.

I want to thank Henry and his family for all that they have done and continue to do to support our local economy and keep Worcester strong.

#### TEXANS FINDING CURES

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Allison, Ph.D for receiving the Lasker-Debakey Clinical Medical Research Award.

Dr. Allison pioneered research on a new class of cancer treatment that allows for a patient's immune system to continuously attack cancerous tumors itself. The research expands the ability to provide patients with less invasive treatments to fight all different types of cancer. Dr. Allison's discovery is a massive breakthrough for cancer research and outstanding news for those who are unfortunately diagnosed with the disease.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to James Allison, Ph.D for receiving the prestigious Lasker-Debakey Clinical Medical Research Award. Thank you for your work to find a cure.

#### IN SUPPORT OF GROWTH AWARENESS WEEK

#### HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Growth Awareness Week.

How much a child grows is a major sign of his or her overall health. If a child is failing to grow, it could mean that they are developing serious medical problems. A child's height (either too much or too little for their age) is one of nature's early warning signs—a visual alarm for parents and physicians. According to the Pictures of Standard Syndromes and Undiagnosed Malformations (POSSUM) database, more than 600 serious diseases and health conditions cause growth failure.

Many conditions which interfere with children's growth are treatable, but according to the MAGIC Foundation for children's growth, unfortunately 48% of children in the U.S. who were evaluated with the two most common causes of growth failure went undiagnosed.

The longer a child with growth failure goes undiagnosed, the greater the potential for damage and higher costs of care. Early detection and diagnosis are crucial in ensuring a healthy future for a child with growth failure.

Last year I was pleased that Congress recognized "Growth Awareness Week" as the third week in September 2014. So today I ask my colleagues to join me in permanently recognizing the third week in September as "Growth Awareness Week" and to continue to raise public awareness of growth failure to improve the lives and health of children.

#### COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Okaloosa County, Florida, located in Florida's First Congressional District.

Okaloosa County is situated along Florida's Gulf Coast and was established in 1915 through legislation sponsored by then-Florida State Representative William Mapoles from Laurel Hill. It is the 52nd county in Florida, flanked by Santa Rosa and Walton counties, and was carved out of portions of both counties. Sharing the namesake of a steamboat, "The Okaloosa," meaning "Black Water" in Choctaw, Okaloosa County once consisted of small outposts and pioneers in Florida's wilderness, and its main economic drivers at the time of its founding were lumber, turpentine, and fishing.

Over the course of the last 100 years, Okaloosa County, while still true to its agricultural roots, has transformed from a sparsely populated, simple, and rural pioneer county into a top tourist destination, with white pristine beaches and world-class fishing, and an essential area of support for our Nation's defense, which is due in large part to a local businessman and airplane enthusiast, James E. Plew. Plew's vision for the area at the height of the depression was one of opportunity and one that saw the advantages of attracting the military to the county.

Plew proposed to donate 1,460 acres to the U.S. government for a bombing and gunnery range, which was accepted in 1937. A few short months later, the U.S. Army Air Corps mandated that the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base be renamed "Eglin Field" after Lt. Col. Frederick Irving Eglin. Upon establishment of the U.S. Air Force, Eglin Field would then bare the name of its present day, Eglin Air Force Base. Eglin Air Force Base, which extends across three counties is one of the world's largest Air Force bases and home today to several military major commands, including the 7th Special Forces Group, the Air Armament Center, the Air Force Special Operations Command, and the 33rd Fighter Wing.

The residents of Okaloosa County, including the thousands of military servicemembers and veterans who call it home, are a resilient people, and even through the most challenging of times, they have united as a community to develop and maintain its place as a key area for business and tourism in the State of Florida and throughout the entire Gulf Coast region.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Okaloosa County, Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating all of those who are fortunate to call Okaloosa County home on its 100-year history and its proud achievements and continued success.

#### CREATING LEADERS AND EARNING GOLD

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allison Carpenter for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Allison, a junior at Gaty High School, has continually showed her commitment to changing society and helping her community. She was awarded the Gold Award after partnering with the You Can Academy to serve academically at-risk children who attend a local elementary school. She created and led curriculum workshops to teach students how to respect others, follow the rules, and stay on task. We are proud of Allison's commitment to education and look forward to seeing her future accomplishments.

I am proud to represent such an impressive young Girl Scout who possesses a strong commitment to service. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Allison for earning this distinguished award.

#### PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN VIETNAM

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Vietnam's religious persecution of its citizens is nothing new. I have spoken before about prisoners of conscience held in Vietnam; in fact just this time last year, I spoke on the release of Pastor Duong Kim Khai.

Unfortunately, Vietnam is still carrying on with this egregious practice. I have been made aware of yet another example of human rights violations by a country the State Department has perpetually refused to include as a Country of Particular Concern for religious freedom.

On February 11, 2014, Mr. Nguyen Van Minh and approximately 20 other religious freedom activists were arrested by police officers in the Dong Thap province. Mr. Minh and the others were viciously beaten and had their personal belongings confiscated.

The activists were detained nearly 40 hours before some of the group was released. Mr. Minh and two other activists continued to remain detained and were not charged until approximately a week later on February 20th.

Mr. Minh was charged with "disturbing public peace" and while awaiting trial he was tortured and isolated from his family and lawyers.

Mr. Minh withstood the brutal tactics and refused to sign any report against him.

His trial was "open to the public," which in Vietnam means closed to the approximately 100 people who showed up to support him and the 15 of the 18 witnesses called by his defense.

Then on August 26, 2014, Mr. Minh was sentenced to serve 2.5 years in prison.

A few months later, the Supreme People's Court of Vietnam upheld the ruling from the preliminary trial, finding him and the other two activists, guilty of disturbing the public peace. This form of government sponsored religious persecution has no place in any nation.

In the Bill of Rights, freedom of religion is listed first because it is the most important. This was no mistake by our Founding Fathers.

Freedom of worship is a basic human right, and one that all countries should recognize.

I urge the State Department to do its job and recognize Vietnam as a Country of Particular Concern.

And that's just the way it is.

#### POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

#### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, September 3, was PKD Awareness Day. Throughout the country, ordinary citizens took the time to make their neighbors aware of a little-known disease affecting thousands of people in the United States.

Polycystic Kidney Disease or PKD is a genetic disease that eventually leads to kidney failure. Parents have a 50 percent chance of passing the disease to each of their children. However, 10 percent of the people diagnosed with PKD have no family history of the disease. More alarming, PKD is the fourth leading cause of kidney failure, and more than 50 percent of people with PKD will develop kidney failure by age 50.

Unfortunately, there is no treatment to stop or slow the growth of the cysts that develop and enlarge in both kidneys. The only remedy at this time for kidney failure or end stage renal disease (ESRD) is dialysis or a kidney transplant. While ESRD patients are less than one percent of the Medicare population, they account for nearly seven percent of the Medicare budget—totaling nearly \$35 billion annually.

PKD Awareness Day helps to bring attention to this debilitating disease and the constant challenges people impacted by PKD face. Advocates joined together across the country this year to highlight the need for research and innovation that could help PKD patients and their families.

I stand in support of these tireless advocates to help find better treatments, but more importantly, a cure for PKD. It is essential to raise awareness about PKD in the hopes of bringing relief to the more than 20 million Americans with kidney disease.

#### NURSING EXCELLENCE IN TX-22

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital's nursing staff for earning the Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center awards hospitals that create flourishing work environments for their nurses. These nurses are committed to providing Katy residents with high-quality and safe patient care. The nurses' efforts to create a positive work environment makes this hospital one of the best places for nurses to work. This award recognizes what a strong and dedicated staff the nurses are at Memorial Hermann Katy. We are lucky to have such an incredible team of nurses so close to home.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital's nursing staff for earning the Pathway to Excellence designation.

#### HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF STAFF SERGEANT FORREST B. SIBLEY

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to pay tribute to a fallen decorated American hero. On August 27, 2015, Staff Sergeant Forrest B. Sibley, who was assigned to the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, 720th Special Tactics Group, 24th Special Operations Wing, Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina, tragically succumbed to wounds received during an attack the day prior while conducting operations in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel near Camp Antonik, Afghanistan. SSgt Sibley was 31 years old, but lived a lifetime marked by and full of service.

Although a Louisiana native, born in Shreveport in 1983, Pensacola, Florida, would become home to Forrest. By all accounts of his loved ones, he lived his life to the fullest and always savored spending time with friends and family along the beautiful coastline of Pensacola Beach. After Hurricane Ivan struck Northwest Florida in 2004, Forrest and his friends worked to clean up the destruction in its devastating aftermath, helping neighbors rebuild and recover, with his jovial nature intact.

Answering the call of duty, Forrest entered into the United States Air Force and upon completion of basic training in 2008 became an Air Force Combat Controller, serving alongside some of our Nation's most elite. Among his qualifications, SSgt Sibley was a military static line jumper, free fall jumper, an Air Force combat scuba diver, and a joint terminal attack controller. SSgt Sibley's military career would include four deployments to some of the most critical and sensitive areas of operation. His awards include four Bronze Stars, one

with Valor Device, the Purple Heart, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

As exemplified by his extraordinary heroism, SSgt Sibley's life stands as a testament that freedom is not free, and his legacy will echo in time as an example of the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. My wife, Vicki, joins me in praying that God is with Forrest's parents, Brent and Susan, and all of the beloved family and friends he held so dear, and we ask that God continue to bless them and the United States of America.

#### KENTUCKY STATE TROOPER JOSEPH PONDER

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, another peace officer has been targeted and killed.

Late Sunday night, Kentucky State Trooper Joseph Cameron Ponder made a routine traffic stop. He pulled over the suspect who as it turns out was driving with a suspended license. The trooper was going to arrange for an overnight stay for the man and his fellow passengers, which included two children, but this plan never came to fruition.

This stop would prove fatal. Suddenly, the driver sped away and the chase began.

For nine miles, Trooper Ponder pursued the criminal. Then, the criminal's car made a hasty and abrupt stop. The trooper's vehicle smashed into the back of the criminal's getaway car.

The criminal emerged from the vehicle and fired intently at the officer. Bullets scattered around the hood and windshield and hit the officer.

Ponder was struck multiple times.

The armed criminal fled, this time on foot.

And a manhunt was underway for the killer. Helicopters manned the sky as officers and canines manned the ground and wooded areas.

The criminal was spotted. He refused to drop his weapon and instead hatefully pointed it straight at police. The criminal was taken down.

The trooper passed away at the hospital later that night.

This story is becoming all too common. Officers are being targeted just because of the car they drive and the uniform they wear. This war on police must stop.

Trooper Ponder graduated from the police academy in January and was working in Trigg County.

He was a Navy veteran and just 31 years old.

On the Kentucky State Police Facebook page, tributes fill the comment section.

One stands out, from Ponder's sister.

It reads:

"Thank you for all the kind words. My brother was the best man in the world and did not deserve what happened to him. Please pray for us, this was an enormous loss."

A loss that is felt around the country, as our nation continues to mourn fallen peace officers.

Kentucky State Trooper Joseph Ponder will not be forgotten.

As I have said many times before, those who wear the badge—the shield over their heart—represent the best of our communities.

Our gratitude goes to Trooper Ponder for his selfless service both to our country and our community.

We continue to pray for police. They are the silent safe guardians who protect our cities, neighborhoods and schools. They are the men and women of the thin blue line between the law and the lawless.

And that's just the way it is.

#### BUILDING A BIGGER FORT BEND

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ryko Development for being recognized as Developer of the Year by the Texas Association of Builders.

Ryko Development earned this prestigious award because of its outstanding work establishing the Lakes of Bella Terra community. This community brings new families and businesses to Fort Bend County every day. Through Lakes of Bella Terra, Ryko Development created an ideal living environment for families and has earned a reputation as a premier developer in the Houston area.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ryko Development for being named Developer of the Year. Thanks for bringing Lakes of Bella Terra to Fort Bend.

#### WELCOME, KATHERINE LEE WILSON

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my daughter-in-law and son, Joy and Julian Wilson of Lexington, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby girl. Katherine Lee Wilson who was born at 8:09 a.m., on Monday, September 14, 2015, weighing 8 pounds and measuring 20 and 5 inches long at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina. Katherine joins an older brother, Jack Wilson, and older sister, Sally Wilson. She has been born into a loving home where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Sally's grandparents Gary Strickland and Sherry Strickland of Nichols, South Carolina, and my wife, Roxanne Wilson of Springdale, South Carolina. Additionally, are proud great-grandmothers, Martha Dusenbury, Lilly Strickland, and Sally Willoughby. I am so grateful for this new addition to the Wilson family.

#### CELEBRATING THE NINETIETH BIRTHDAY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED OAKLAND ARD

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to wish a very happy birthday to Northwest Florida's beloved Oakland Ard on the occasion of his 90th birthday and to congratulate him on his many achievements and recognize his service to Northwest Florida and our great Nation.

Born and raised in Geneva County, Alabama, Oakland answered the call of duty, while in high school, joining the United States Army in December 1943. After completing basic training, Oakland deployed to Europe, where he joined his brother as a member of the 2nd Armored Infantry Division, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, seeing combat in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. While engaged in battle with German forces, Oakland's company came under heavy mortar fire, and his brother, Dalton, was tragically killed in action. Despite this devastating loss, however, Oakland continued to serve with honor and distinction until injuries sustained from severe frostbite forced him to be called back to the United States. After recovering from his injuries, Oakland continued to serve our Nation as a heavy machine gunner instructor at Fort Knox until his discharge on May 10, 1946.

Oakland's military career proved to be a harbinger of many more years of selfless service to the Lord, his family, friends, community, and Nation. Following his discharge, he returned home and started working as a farmer to help put two of his siblings through school, and when his brother, Herman, was called to active duty to serve in Korea, Oakland moved to Port St. Joe, Florida, to fill his brother's position at the St. Joe Paper Company. In Port St. Joe, Oakland met his first wife, Marian and remained in the area until his brother returned from his military duties.

In 1957, Oakland gained employment at the Container Corporation of America and settled in Jay, Florida. The Ards quickly planted strong roots in the Jay community, where they raised their two sons, Freddy and Ronnie. Oakland would remain at the Container Corporation for nearly four decades, until his retirement in 1996. While working, Oakland helped establish and lead several organizations including the Eastpoint Employees Federal Credit Union, where he served as both President and Vice President, and the Brewton CCA Federal Credit Union, where he served a term as president and many decades as a board member and treasurer.

Outside of his working life, Oakland was also a leader in his church and civic communities. As a longtime member of Jay First Baptist Church, he served in countless positions, including Sunday School Director, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, and Church Treasurer, among many others.

Oakland also contributed to the Northwest Florida community in myriad other ways. He was appointed by the Florida Legislature to the Board of Directors of Jay Hospital, served nearly two decades as a board member of the

State Housing Initiative Program, and was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the people of Jay also elected him to the Jay City Council, where he served for four years.

Still, all of these impressive accomplishments are only a small reflection on Oakland's selfless character and dedication to family, faith, and community. A dedicated family man, for more than 50 years, Oakland was a loving husband to Marian, until her passing from cancer. Today, Oakland enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his wife, Jackie, and he has always been around to lend a hand to his neighbors in times of need.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Oakland Ard on his 90th birthday. My wife Vicki and I wish him and the entire Ard family all the best.

#### FORT BEND CARES

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Fort Bend Cares for its dedication to improving the lives of the children in Fort Bend County.

Since the beginning, Fort Bend Cares has worked to improve the lives of our local children. Their latest project is a new playground located in Community Park in Rosenberg. Fort Bend Cares, with assistance from other local businesses, will work with a local playground manufacturer to ensure that the children of the community have a safe and fun place to relax and play. We are all looking forward to the playground's completion.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you to Fort Bend Cares for leaving such a positive impact on the lives of so many children here in Fort Bend County.

#### HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE AND SELFLESS SACRIFICE OF CAPTAIN MATTHEW D. ROLAND

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude that I rise to pay tribute to a fallen decorated American hero. On August 27, 2015, Captain Matthew D. Roland, who was assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field, located in Florida's First Congressional District, tragically succumbed to wounds received during an attack the day prior while conducting operations in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel near Camp Antonik, Afghanistan. Captain Roland was 27 years old, but lived a lifetime marked by and full of service.

Born December 24, 1987, at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota, Captain Roland is described as an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hiking, camping, and fishing, as his childhood saw him following his father's Air Force career across the country. After graduating high school, he continued in his family's footsteps of service and entered the Air Force Academy, graduating in 2010. Upon his commissioning, then-Second Lieutenant Roland entered the Special Tactics Officer Program attached to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron and served as a team leader.

Among his qualifications, Captain Roland was a military static line jumper, free fall jumper, an Air Force combat scuba diver, and a joint terminal attack controller. His military career would include leading his teams on three deployments, two to Afghanistan and one to Africa, and by all accounts he fulfilled his duties with the utmost selflessness. Among his many awards and accolades are the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border.

As exemplified by his extraordinary heroism, Captain Roland's life stands as a testament that freedom is not free, and his legacy will echo in time as an example of the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. My wife, Vicki, joins me in praying that God is with Matthew's parents, Mark and Barbara; his sister, Erica; his niece, Willamina; and all of his family and friends during this time of great mourning, and we ask that God continue to bless them and the United States of America.

#### MUSIC TO OUR EARS

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Seven Lakes High School's Symphony Orchestra for being selected as the 2016 Honor Full Orchestra by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA).

The Seven Lakes Symphony Orchestra received this recognition because of its ability to master some of the most advanced music literature. This is an especially high honor for Seven Lakes High School, which is only 10 years old. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of all of the talented musicians and their directors, Desiree Overree and Damon Archer. We all look forward to hearing the Symphony Orchestra perform at the TMEA Convention in February.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Seven Lakes High School Symphony Orchestra for being selected as the 2016 Honor Full Orchestra.

HONORING DR. JOHN C. WARMAN

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the raucous Gonzaga fight song was sung quietly for the first time in a long time on Tuesday, September 1st when Dr. John C. "Doc" Warman's coffin was borne from a packed St. Aloysius church in Washington, DC where men and women met to mourn the passing of a legend.

A lover of the classics, a supremely gifted musician, and a director of plays and musicals at Gonzaga College High School, Warman began teaching Latin and Greek at the all-boys Catholic institution on Eye Street and North Capitol, just a few blocks from the Capitol, in 1967.

Born to Frank and Louise Warman on October 18, 1939, Warman began playing the piano when he was still in diapers and could quote the classics from memory by the time he was seven years old.

Warman's recitations from the classics could bring a dead language to life. "Arma virumque cano," he would begin before launching into Virgil's Aeneid. For those who don't know, that means "I sing of arms and of a man," in other words, a Warman.

Warman was the valedictorian of his class at Gonzaga in 1957 and later graduated from Georgetown University with honors. He became "Doc" in 1986 when Georgetown conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

"Doc's sense of optimism would lift us up when times were tough," said William J. Wilson, Jr., both a student and colleague of Warman's, of the Gonzaga he knew as a student—a school of dwindling enrollment in the late 1960s and early 1970s, threatened with potential closure.

The 1968 riots in DC following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had left many parents worried and looking to other schools outside of the city to send their children. Doc's dedication to Gonzaga and support of his students helped usher the school through this difficult time.

Warman was also well known for his formal dress in and out of the classroom. Students at Gonzaga testified that they had only ever seen Doc dressed in a suit and tie or the tuxedo he would don during his theater performances.

"Sometimes I wondered whether Doc was born wearing a suit," said Wilson.

It was in a suit and tie that he passed quietly of heart failure before classes began on August 25, 2015.

While the Gonzaga community mourns the passing of Warman, over these past weeks many kind and joyful memories of Doc have been shared by students, colleagues, family, and friends. The legacy of Doc Warman lives on through the indelible impression he left on the entire Gonzaga community.

The back wall of Gonzaga's Sheehy Theater, which is nearly 120 years old, is spattered with graffiti, and among the etched-in autographs there, "Warman '57" looms large—"the heart of the Gonzaga stage" that bears his name. He piloted more than 350 performances from the pit piano where he was a fixture, and he served as a producer, associate producer, director, or musical director in 83 productions.

"Gone, but not forgotten," said Ra'Mond Jamar Shephard Hines. Hines, a recent student from Gonzaga's class of 2014, said at the funeral that "The way the Latin and the Greek flowed off his tongue was like poetry in and of itself."

Warman never married, and having no biological children, he instead devoted his life to his "Men of Eye Street." All classes were canceled on the day of his funeral—a beloved teacher, colleague, mentor, and friend's last gift to his students.

#### REACHING MARS

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Carlos Gonzalez of Katy, Texas for being selected a NASA High School Aerospace Scholar.

Carlos, a student at Seven Lakes High School, was one of only 261 high school juniors from across Texas selected to participate in this elite NASA program. As a High School Aerospace Scholar, Carlos completed various assignments throughout the school year. He was then invited to Johnson Space Center for a one-week summer internship where he and his fellow scholars worked with NASA scientists and engineers to plan a mission to Mars. Carlos certainly makes his parents, teachers, and the rest of our community proud. We look forward to seeing all he accomplishes in the future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Carlos for being named a NASA High School Aerospace Scholar. Shoot for the stars, Carlos.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's Record.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy.

SH-216

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improving VA accountability, focusing on examining first-hand accounts of Department of Veterans Affairs whistleblowers.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine consolidation in the health insurance industry and its impact on consumers.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 23

11 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine the use of agency regulatory guidance.

SD-342

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 22

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine consumer product safety and the recall process.

SR-253